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Sheldon Jackson Institute.

AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS.

Sitka, Alaska, 8-31 1885.

Received from U. A. Kelly school supplies for Akdiac as follows:—
1 Appleton's Chart
1 Map of U. S.
1 Record Book, 1 School Room Guide, 1 Bible
12 Slates, 2 doz. Slate pencils, 4 Spellers 4 Blackboard Erasers, 4 Second Readers, 4 Primary Arithmetics, 2 Third Readers, 2 Small Primers, 3 Boxes Chalk, pencils, pens, envelopes, paper etc.
2 Blackboards, 25 School Desks,
~~Wooden bucket and cup.~~
~~1 chair~~, ~~1 lamp chimney~~, 1 Gal. oil, candle stick, ~~matches~~ 2 packages matches, 1 lb. nails
500 feet of boards.

2,50
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Yukon School 110,

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Wm. H. Seward

For School at Kaliaak

5 Sept.	11	25 Double Desks @ $6		$150	
		2 Blackboards " "		12	
"	"	550 ft. Boards @ $25 per M.		12	50
		10 lb. nails @ 5			50
"	"	1 can coal oil		2	50
		2 Rot' Sink @ 10¢			20
"	"	1 chair		3	00
		7 lb. candles @ 25		1	75
"	"	1 clock		2	50
		2 brooms @ 50		1	00
"	"	2 Lantern Globes 25 @			50
		1 Lantern		1	50
"	"	1 Lamp,		2	00
		Lamp wick			25
"	"	3 Bx chalk 25 @			75
		2 Primers	10 @		10
		2 Third Readers	30 "		60
		4 Primary Arithmetics	15 "		60
		4 Second Readers	20 "	1	00
		4 Spellers	15 "		60
"	"	12 Slates	18 "	2	16
		2 doz. pencils			18
"	"	4 Slate & Eraser 10 @			60
		For Sitka School		$ 147	07
"	"	5 days work at reroofing building @		35	00
		10 lb. nails 5 @			50
"	"	Kindling wood		1	00
				$ 26	50
			Total	$ 173	57

Wm. H. Seward

Oct 1st 50

Hon John Eaton

Commissioner of Education.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

On the 28th of August ult I wrote you that I had succeeded in securing the services of Mr Kipinsky for Kadiak

Finding a small schooner that was going to Kadiak Mr Kipinsky took passage together with a supply of books, slates, Charts &c for the school. When in latitude 57° 40' North & Longitude 153° West the vessel struck a rock and it was with great difficulty that she was brought to land & beached in Kiviuky Straits.

of the work required could be made under the circumstances the vessel was floated to a dock made for Hunnah Harbor which was reached only after several days of hardship & great danger.

It was thought several times that they would be compelled to throw the whole supplies overboard, but they were kept until the vessel reached Loyd, When half of the supplies were left with the school there, & the balance left until landed at Killisnoo, Where they were stored to await the opening of the school.

This shipwreck has caused a loss to the Government of about $100. This is among of thankfulness that no lives were lost.

Two days after the return of the shipwrecked to Sitka, the Steamer Active arrived from San Francisco, enroute to Behring Sea to relieve some shipwrecked whalers.

The ship furnished a good opportunity

of teaching Unalaschka. I ask one job to-
-gether a dispatch of school furniture, books,
Charts, slates &c and such other requisites
to open a school at Unalaschka -

This experiment suggests, what I
have several times felt the need of before,
that Sitka should be made a depot for supplies
to a limited amount. The supplies
for Kodiak were mainly borrowed or pur-
-chased from the Sitka Indian School -
And those for Unalaschka were partly taken
from the Sitka Indian School & partly from
the Sitka public School. Even then
I was unable to procure some things that
the Unalaschka School will greatly need.

The boys of the Industrial School at
Sitka are giving good satisfaction in the
Manufacture of Slates & Blackboards for
their several Government Schools.

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I feel quite satisfaction that we have secured this season the opening of two Schools in the Headwaters of the Yukon River & the Mission School on the Kuskokwim River & the mail Routes &c.

My Assistant Teachers here, I could have also secured Mrs & Mr Kilbuck for the Steamer Bonita & established Schools at those points

Yours Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Ed. Agent

Oct 14th 58

Rev S. R. McFarland

Dear Brother

Yours of Sept 18th is before me. As you do not wish a Mail service to your place I will take no action to secure one. I will do what I can to secure a hire clear Lighter for you; also to have James Duncan paid by the Govt.

I sent you by Chilcat Philip, some school desks, & a Blackboard.

After he had left & received word that Mr Pinkney had left a portion of his supplies with you.

Two days after Mr Pinkney returned to Sitka, the Steamer Came in

bound for Unalaska & I have sent Mr Kilpinsky over there to start a school.

I hope to get back after Christmas.

The new Government Officers are as different from the old ones as day is from night. They are giving us every encouragement on the school question.

My P.O. address for the winter will be "Care of Bureau of Education Washington D.C."

Praying that you may all be kept in good health & quality prospered in your work. I remain Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Ass't Gen'l Ag't

Last spring as I came through Portland I heard that Miss Bagley's health was not very firm.

Oct 2nd 67

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

On the 6th of August I had the honor of writing you & requesting that a Commission be issued to Miss Dora Davis (native) as Assistant teacher & Interpreter at Wood Alaska.

I have just learned that Miss Davis has left to nurse a sick father, and that Miss James Jackson (native) has taken her place. I would therefore request that Miss Davis' Commission, if granted, be Cancelled & one in the place thereof be

issued to Mr James Jackson at a Salary of $112 per Month. Their post office address is "Care of Dr John H McFarland Neenah Schools. Juneau Alaska.

"The School at Boyd (Neenah Side) opened on the 1st of September with 34 pupils The one at Triangle opened on the same day with 33 pupils."

Your Communications of August No. 19 & 24 received; Also your telegram of Sept 8th.

The last mail brought me intelligence that my father at Galesburg Ill was not expected to live. I am arranging my Affairs to leave here the last of October.

Please mail all Communications until you hear further, to me at "No 345 Seventh Kellogg St. Galesburg Illinois"

Also if any important letters written

after the 25th of September have been mailed to me at Sitka, it will be safe to have Copies mailed me at Galesburg.

I hope to be able to spend a portion of the winter with you in Washington in perfecting our Alaska plans, & securing needed legislation.

I am nearly out of paper. Please have some headings printed similar to the first page of this letter and mail me half a ream of same to Galesburg. The balance please retain at your office until I come.

Also mail me at Galesburg 50 penalty Envelopes 9 inches long & 100 penalty Envelopes about 6 inches long.

Also mail to Mrs A. Kelly. Training School Sitka 1 of Mann's White Manifold Copying Book size about 12 x 10 inches.

This book is needed to keep Copies of

letters that Mr Kelly may write to the teachers during My absence from Sitka

As far as possible, Mr Kelly will take the general oversight of the Schools during My absence -

The New Government Officials are doing every thing they can to encourage Education in the short time they have been here. And give me their hearty Cooperation in my work. It is a Complete revolution from the Condition of things two Months ago.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. Genl Agt

I inclose you a heading which you can send Govt Printing office as a Sample of what you want.

Oct 12th 85

To the Honorable
Commissioner of Agriculture
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Permit me to call your attention to the need of an appropriation from Congress to pay the salary and expenses of a suitable Man to carry on an experimental farm in connection with the Industrial Training School at Sitka

As you will know there is a wide diversity of views, and great ignorance concerning the agricultural and horticultural capabilities of Alaska.

The early Russian settlers were

here for furs and the more recent Americans for trading and mining and paid no attention to other resources of the Country So that no systematic effort intelligently prosecuted has been made to ascertain what can or can not be raised to advantage.

The Industrial Training School at Sitka, supported in part by an annual appropriation of Congress furnishes a basis for a Department that shall make careful experiments extending over a term of years to ascertain the vegetables, grains grasses, berries & small fruits, apples & large fruits, trees, flowers &c &c best adapted to the Country — the best Methods of Cultivating Curing and gathering the same — tree planting, grafting & budding — the development of the wild cranberry — Cattle

hog & poultry raising – and butter & Cheese making.

If the Government will thus make the experiments, which the settlers are unable to do, and which are necessary to determine what can be done, both Settlers And natives will utilize the information gained

The official determination of the resources of the Country will attract immigration, and add both to the wealth of the Country and the Comfort of the people.

Believing that this will commend itself to your judgement, you are respectfully asked to secure from Congress the needed Appropriation

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. Gen'l Ag't of Education in Alaska

Oct 1st 65

Rev Drs Kendall & Roberts

Dear Brethren

The times have allowed
for another quarterly report. The Union
Monthly just passed have been beautiful
& fruitful ones. I have preached Sab-
bath every Sabbath at Selma except
four which were spent in other portions
of the field. In the first part of the
quarter I visited the fields in Williams
Marion & Perry. In August & again
visited & preached at Williamsburg & Marion
& have since visited them again. Also
the fields at Fort Mountain & St Georges.

I intend to spend the remaining

This letter is sent for publication.

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in Alaska & continues to grow. She ought to have a Minister at once. If you can find a suitable Minister, who is strong enough to preach on Sabbath, runs a Sabbath School & teach a day school five days in the week the Government will give him $1500 per year. The Treadwell mine at Juneau has a 120 stamp mill, which is one of the largest & finest stamp mills in the world. The product of the mill last Month for 22 working days was over $71000. in gold bullion. The Treadwell expect to turn out $100000 per month regularly. Two other large mills are in contemplation. Capitalists who accompanied the new Officials to Alaska, last Month purchased seven gold mines near Sitka. They pro-

from the creation of a large mill in the Spring. Under the stimulus of the new developments there will be an influx of Miners to Alaska and Juneau will soon begin to be the Commercial Centre.

As soon as you can find a suitable house for Juneau let me know. There is need of prompt action. I am now employing a Roman Catholic as Caretaker at Juneau, because I could not secure any one else for the time. I must however have to Commence at an earlier time, & if the Caretaker we intend hiring can not be had, I am compelled to put in such as I can get.

The Bureau of Education have very kindly kept the principalship of the Juneau School open for Mr Kelly.

Mr Kelly

a leave to be principal at Sitka as a Colony of 9 or 10. Mr Davis does not return, it is very important that you should Keep Mr Kelly at Sitka.

Mr Dease gives the way for the appointment of a Minister as principal at Sitka. The Roman Catholic Lads now residing there is the Assistant Lads & can be changed in the Spring, if you have no more to say likely to suit at that Place. It is worth your while to make the attempt to secure a proper Minister at that for Sitka.

The part year has been a very disastrous one. The opposition of the last Governor General effectually has thwarted the Natives in every thing, that it is difficult for them at a distance to conceive of. The Lagoon was

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for Schools & preaching which have all
hitherto in the first years of our Missions
to New Zeal. & Mr Lanes complaining of it as
his field, & Mr Mc Farland in feeling it
And the Station at Waimate suspended for
the winter. & Waimate the Native home
seems to involve, that it some not Consid-
ered duty for Mr Williams & family to re-
main there & so you know what they are
in Sitka Capt Nichols of the U.S.
Navy of Nov 5th is a drinking, Sport
for Betting Man, hostile to Missions
& in hospitality with the best officials
& [illegible] no influence in preserving order.

The Lawlessness & intemperance of
the Natives of N.W. Coast in New Guinea
than at any time since the Transfer &
is directly due to the bad officials

Conclusion first have departed Capt Hicks to Washington, & I trust he will soon have a better train in his place.

But while the past year has been one of great discouragement, the future has seemed to open as one of great progress.

The new officials have taken a firm stand in favor of Education & Missionaries. They have officially reported to Washington the late officials for various misdemeanors while in office.

Everything will be paid in this district & the Secretary of the Interior has commenced the work of the Missions where the Govt. & Catholics for Govt. has received appropriations for Education

The last before I left the Catholics & Presbyterians had [illegible]

taken by the new Gov^r will soon be known to all the tribes & have great effect. Then with Moulton Capt Glass in command of the Man of war, our schools will again be full to overflowing.

At our last Communion at Sitka we received (I think. Vide our Register) 16 on profession of faith & baptism, all being Natives but one.

The training school at Sitka is doing as well as can be expected with the help it has. We have not now & never have had at any one time a sufficient force of Employees to carry it on efficiently.

It is now (1869) reported that Mr Lewis Clerk of the Court has been removed by the President. Also rumor that Miss Dauphin will be Married in Nov^r to Lieut Co—

Miss Rankin leaves Nov 15th to take Charge of the Native Girls school at [illegible]. Miss [illegible] will then leave the force as follows. Mr Kellogg Sept. 1. Mr Chandler preacher - with ~~Mrs~~ two services on Sabbath to Native & [illegible] & prayer meetings Thursday evening in the week. Mrs Chandler in charge of Boys Home. Miss Matthews in Laundry Mr Keasbey Carpenter. Mrs Keasbey in Kitchen & dining room. Miss Kelsey in school room. Miss Lucas the Matronship & sewing room vacant. I learn lately learned that Miss Rogers has been sent & do not know what place she is to fill.

We still see however that the institution has never had an efficient matron. You can find 100 good teachers easier than one good Matron - & get the efficient

of the School is largely dependant on the Matron. I think the Women's Ex Com^te should be made Special trustees for a Guide to the Matron for Little Mrs Millard has general charge of the boys out of doors, & out of School hours - also takes Evening Worship the Sabbath School & various Bible Classes.

Upon the arrival of the new officials by the September Steamer, Mad. Dick-Williams Bale were early called upon the Examination of the Indictments against myself -

We found that the Government had no Case, & that the Charges were both false & Malicious We consequent upon the Court Oct^r 6^th^ he moved that the Indictments be dismissed, which was done. This Ended the legal troubles of the School. I have [illegible]

— in [illegible] Cases, against the Mission bost
Steamship to about $300. which I will
bring with me, when I come to New York.

You remember that last Spring Judge McBride decided that the School could not contract with native parents for their Children, & that if the Children were not permitted to run away or do whatever they pleased, the teacher forbearing them would be liable to bills for imprisonment. Judge Dawson has ruled to the Contrary — that the natives occupy the same position before the Law & Court in Alaska that the Whites & Russians do, & that a Contract made by them in placing a Child in School is binding. This places a new Power entirely Entirely Future before the Schools.

You will see by the enclosed Clipping that a determined effort will be made

to return Judge McAllister to Alaska. As his friends will leave no effort untried the friends of the School Ahmed be equally active. And Ahmed flood the President with remonstrances from every quarter of the Country.

I think I have written you before that Judge McAllister is a "fast young man." with but little knowledge of law, little experience & little common sense. He gets drunk, publicly plays Croquet & goes on his rides on the Sabbath, & finds boon Companions Among the Vile. He is very vindictive. As he considers his removal due to the Missionaries, he will leave no means untried to annoy & harrass the Missionaries & the work [illegible]

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this is returned. His official actions
last spring Where are now Cost the Mission Board
over $1000 — and the future will be still worse
if he is placed in power. It is one of those
cases Where self preservation requires the Board
to take action. Judge McAlister has been living
in Dr John Hall's Church in power lacking
in N.Y. City. Either the Rev Dr Chamberlain Should
send a strong Remonstrance to President Cleveland
Also write influential gentlemen
to do the same thing. Prompt & vigorous
action is demanded Perhaps it would
be a good thing for you to interest Rev Mr Cobb
and in this matter.

Yours Truly in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

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Washington D.C.
Oct 29th 85

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of
Education

Dear Sir

Miss Marion B. Murphy, teacher at Juneau Alaska, whom we have been paying $30 per month is very urgent for an increase of salary

She asks for $50 per month. As she has done good work through the summer for a young teacher, I would recommend that you authorize me to pay her at the rate of $40 per month from November 1st 1885.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Nov 5th 85

Hon John Eaton

U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir.

If you wish an address in Alaska at the next meeting of the Council of Superintendence or at other Educational Gatherings you can place me on the programme.

I believe there is a Chatauqua Assembly somewhere in Florida during the winter. If it is worth while to have a hearing there, please make the necessary arrangements.

Very Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

345 N. Kellogg st Galesburg Illinois
Nov 14th

Hon John Eaton

U.S. Commissioner of Education.

Dear Sir

I reached this place last Saturday evening after a Continuous trip of 17 days. And find my father out of immediate danger.

If it meets with your approval I will remain here until after Thanksgiving and then come on to Washington ready for work.

Thus before [illegible]

Address Lexington Ohio to Lend their

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Children to School. Mr Speaker very strongly on the subject & closed with the announcement that he was determined to have their Children in School — that, if the people did not send the Children willingly, he would vote Congress for a law compelling them. He was followed in the same strain by Mr. Burt Calloway & Bale. Mr Austin himself also made remarks. In connection with this Comm'n the Governor asked me if a day school could not be established in the Native Village. As it had been found by experience that it did not work well to have the day people in the same school with the Home ones, & some the more ready to approve of the trial of a day School. As the winter would be half gone before I could hear from your Office; and all the Children are gathered

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together for the winter, and the Government officials here a visit in connection with the School, & took the liberty of hiring a house and appointing Miss Kate A. Rankin teacher at a salary of $600 per annum.

I hope that this action may meet with your approval. If not, it can be cancelled in the spring when the natives scatter for their summer work. I understand the Governor sends you a letter in favor of this move & that said letter was endorsed by the other officials.

Please authorize Dr. Williamson to send Miss Kate A. Rankin, Sitka Alaska

2 Boxes Slate pencils
4 doz Slates
2 Qts of ink in small bottles
6 Boxes of Crayons
1 Case of Kerosene oil

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3 & 1/2 black board erasers
1 Large hand bell for collecting school
1 tap or call bell for school room
1 Appletons Reading Chart
1 Clock
1 Large Coal Stove
1 Shovel, tongs
1 Coal bucket
1/2 doz bracket lamps & reflectors & tanks
1 desk lamp
1 thermometer frame
1 Medicine Dye glob
18 lengths Lincoln iron stove pipe (in knock down condition with holes punched & rivets)
3 Elbows
1 Zinc
1 plain wooden chair
1 Gals tin can for Kerosene oil

1 doz Primary Geographies
½ " Child's History of U.S.
1 " Language Books.
1 " 1st Readers
1 " 2nd " "

Also Mail from Washington
to her 6 doz Lead pencils
1 Box Steel pens
2 doz pen holders
4 " Tablets
½ Ream letter paper
1 doz Chase Rulers
1 Wall Map of the World
1 " " " U.S.
1 " " " Alaska

Please attend to this order at your earliest convenience as it takes so many months to get supplies to Alaska.

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The long delay in securing Supplies was the occasion of my telegraphing from Staines on the 21st of Oct. The schools at Sitka & Wrangell were without stoves, & all of them without Slates or text books. and it seemed very necessary that the Supplies should go up by return boat.

Please mail to me at Valentine - Mr.

4 doz penalty Envelopes 4 x 9 inches
2 " (not penalty) " " "
2 " penalty " 3½ x 6 "

I have a Supply with "Bureau of Education" printed on.

Do you wish Annual reports made out from July to June or Jan to Dec?

If any important instructions were addressed to me last Month at Sitka it might be well to send Copies to me

at Galesburg. Ill. The check for 1st Quarter's salary sent to Sitka will come back in Dec or Jan. Last month I sent in bill for salary on 2nd quarter & if there is any way of expediting its payment, please do so, as I am out of funds.

I have asked the Mrs. A. Kelly, Supt of the Indian Training & Industrial School at Sitka to act as my deputy during my absence from the Territory.

She served several years as County Superintendent in Penn. and is well up both in the theory & practice of School work.

Governor Swineford in his Annual Report to the Secretary of the Interior has recommended my work in Alaska & asked for enlarged appropriations for schools. He is also in favor of a law compelling

the attendance of the Children. Hee hopes to reach Washington in June.

Any letters that reach your office for me please forward to Galesburg Ill until Nov 26th. All after that please retain at the office. Also any newspapers that may come, please give into the care of Mrs J. M. Reigart.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
345 N. Kellogg St
Galesburg
Illinois

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 13th 85

Messrs Goodale. Perkins & Co

Dear Sirs

I mail you a package of Blank Vouchers & return Envelopes for bills of freight against the Alaska Schools.

Please instruct the Purser of your Steamer to Alaska, that when there is Govt freight for any of the teachers to make out the Bill as usual, Have the teacher endorse the bill that the freight is received in good condition, then let him send the bill to your Office. Upon its reception at your Office, please make out triplicate

bills on the blank forms furnished you receipt them on the last line & enclose them to this office in the penalty envelopes furnished you - and the treasury warrant for the amount will be returned to you -

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Genl Agt.

With the triplicate bills enclose the receipt of the teacher that the freight is received.

Education of Children in Alaska

Hoffecker, Cornell & Co

Nov 5th 1885

Nov 2nd Hardware for U.S. Public School at Juneau Alaska

1/2 doz Kapeta Lamps (Bracket)
Complete

1 Kapeta Table Lamp & Shade $2.50

Colza Lamp, Chimney & Mantle $1.20

2 doz wicks & 1 paper shade .80

20 Lbs Coal Oil "Pearl" 37 .80

$5.30

Allowed 2nd Dec 1885

Education of Children in Alaska

Vogele, Crowell & Co

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1 1/2 ma For Supplies for U.S. Public
School No 1. Sitka Alaska
1/2 doz brackets. Safety Lamps
& Reflectors $21 00
1 Safety Lantern & shade 3.50
6 Doz Lamp Chimneys #1 1/2 7.20
1 Gal oil Can 1.50
2 Doz wicks, 1 Lamp shade
20 Gal Coal oil @ (Bear) 1.50
$ 18.00

Education of Children in Alaska

Hegele, Crowell & Co

Nov 5 2 Stoves supplies for Govt. Public School at Wrangell Alaska
½ doz Mackerel Safety Lamps & Reflectors 21.00
1 Safety Table Lamp & Shade 3.50
6 Doz Lamp Chimneys Assort 4.20
1 Galv Tin oil can 0.50
2 do bricks. 1 paper Shade —
20 Gals Coal oil "Pearl" 29 5.20
$38.60

Allowed 29 Feb 1888

Education of Children in Alaska

Hegele. Crowell & Co

5 Nov 2nd 12 doz Shackle safety lamps & Reflectors	21.00
1 Safety Table Lamp & Shade	1.50
6 doz Chimneys Lead-flint	3.00
2 " Wicks & 1 paper Shade	—
1 Gallon Tinned can	.50
10 Gallon Cans "Pearl"	2.50
	$28.50

For supplies for the Public Schools in Alaska

Allowed & ord'd 1885

Education of Children in Alaska

Vogle, Cowell & Co

March 2nd 1885

Mr 5th 2nd Hr supplies for Mr. Phillips
School at Jackson Alaska
½ doz Packet Safety Lamps
& Reflectors $1.00
1 Safety Table Lamp & Shade 3.50
6 doz Lamp Chimneys Flint 3.20
1 - 1 Gallon Tin oil can .50
2 do wicks 1 paper shade — —
20 Lbs Candles "Star" 1.50
$9.70

Education of Children in Alaska

Hegele, Crowell & Co

Mar 5th 2nd

For supplies for U.S. Public School at Kennah Alaska

½ doz Bracket safety Lamps and Reflectors	$1.00
1 safety table Lamp & Shade	.37
6 doz Lamp Chimneys	1.20
1 Lantern or can	.50
2 doz wicks . 1 paper Shade	
20 Lbs Coal oil "Pearl" .05	1.00
	$3.15

Mar 2nd 1885

"Two ... and twenty five ... ($2.25)

Education of Children in Alaska

Henrichsen & Greenberg

March 2nd 1885.

Oct 5th	30	1 Clock for U.S. Public School at Haines Alaska	$5.00
"	"	1 Clock for U.S. Public School at Jackson Alaska	5.00
"	"	1 Clock for U.S. Public School No 1 at Sitka Alaska	5.00
"	"	1 Clock for U.S. Public School at Juneau Alaska	5.00
"	"	1 Clock for U.S. Public School at Kinnak Alaska	5.00
"	"	1 Clock for U.S. Public School at Wrangel Alaska	5.00
			$30.00

Education of Children in Alaska

J. K. Gill & Co

Oct 5 20 For Supplies for U.S. Public School at Killisnoo No 1

3 doz 5 ct bottles Black Ink	1 25
1 Numeral Frame	1 00
1 doz Primary Geographies	3 60
1 " Cuyp's Natural Lessons	5 40
1 " Independent Primary Reader	2 16
1 " 2nd " 4.20 1 doz 3rd " 6.60	10 20
1 " 4th " 7.80 6 doz Copy Books 4.30	15 30
1 Webster 4to Dictionary	9 00
10 Mental Cuyp Geographies	12 00
1 doz Barnes Brief History	12 00
1 Office Chair	1 75
Clearing & Custom House	25
Cash & Carriage	50
	$74.66

March 2nd 1885

Education of Children in Alaska

J. K. Gill & Co

Allowed by Dept 1885

Dec 31 For supplies for U.S. Public School at Jackson Alaska

3 Lbs bot Blackboard 1.25 6 doz Cap Paper 7.50	8.75
1 Webster 4th Dictionary	9 00
2 doz School Rulers	1.50
2 Boxes Slate Pencils .24 6 Boxes Crayons .90	1.24
2 doz Slates 7X11. 2.00 2 doz Slates 7X12 2.50	4 50
1 doz 12.13. Erasers	1 30
1 Hand Bell 1.00 1 Call Bell 1.25	2 25
1 Mineral Frame 1.00 2 Gals Slating 10.00	11 00
1 doz Primary Geographies	3 60
1 doz Knox Language Lessons	5 40
1 " 2nd Primary Reader	2 16
1 " " 2nd " 4.20 1 doz 3rd Reader 6.00	10 20
1 " " 4th " 2.80 1 Office Chair 1.75	9.55
Clearing at Custom House. Case & Cartage .25 1.00	1 25
	$83 70

Education of Children in Alaska

J. K. Gill & Co

March 2 1895

Oct 30 For supplies for U.S. Public School at Fort Wrangell Alaska

3 doz Slates 1.25	6 doz Copy Books .50	3.00
1 Webster 4to Dictionary .90	2 Iver State Primers .54	9.44
6 Boxes Crayons .90	1 doz U.S. Charts 1.00	2.20
2 doz Slates 7x11 .15c	2 doz Slates 9x12 .125	4.50
1 Large Hand Bell 1.00	1 Call Bell 1.25	2.25
1 Numeral Frame 1.00	2 Cake Slating 10.00	11.00
1 doz Primary Charts .760	1 doz Language Charts 3.50	4.00
1 doz Primary History .420	1 doz Elementary Arithmetic 4.20	16.80
1 doz Primary Readers 2.16	1 doz 2nd Readers 4.20	6.36
1 doz 3rd " 6.60 "	1 doz 4th " 7.80 "	13.80
1 Teachers Chair		1.75
Clearing Custom House Case & Cartage		1.25
		$ 46.40

Education of Children in Alaska

J. K. Gill & Co

March 2nd 1885

Oct 5

30 For Supplies for U.S. Public School at Juneau Alaska

1	Webster 4to Dictionary	$ .00
12	Judd's Primary Reader 15.	2 16
12	" Second " " 25	4 00
1	Large Wood Pail	1 00
1	Call Bell	1 25
6 doz	Tablets 4.50 1/4 ream Letter Paper 75	5 55
1	Numeral Frame	1 00
12	Primary Geographies .30	3 60
12	Barnes' Brief History 1.00	12 00
12	Primary Arithmetic 18	2 16
3 doz	Steel Bottle Pens	1 25
6 "	Copying Books 1.25	7 50
1	Office Chair	1 75
	Stationery & Envelopes	25
	Express & Cartage	50
		53.17

Education of Children in Alaska

S. K. Gill & Co

Oct 30 For supplies for U.S. Public School at Cairns Alaska

1 Box Slate pencils	17
1 doz States 7x11	1 00
1 " " 8x12	1 25
2 Boxes Chalk Crayons 15	30
1 Doz 13 W. Erasers	1 30
1 Large Hand Bell	1 00
1 Call "	1 25
12 First Readers 18	2 16
12 Second " 35	4 20
12 Primary Geographies 50	3 60
1 Office Chair	1 75
Clearing at Custom House	25
Co 1 Cartage	50
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March 2nd 1885

Education of Children in Alaska

J. K. Gill & Co

Oct 30 For Supplies for U.S. Public School at Unalaska Alaska

1 Large Hand Bell	1 00
1 Call Bell	1 25

Allowed Dec 18, 95

Education of Children in Alaska

J. K. Gill & Co

March 2nd 1885

Oct 30 For supplies for U.S. Public School at Wrangle Alaska

3 doz bott Ink 1.20 6 doz Copy Books 4.50	8 70
2 doz Slates 7X11 2.00 2 doz Slates 8X12 2.30	4.30
2 Box Slate Pencils 34 6 Boxes Crayons 90	1 24
1 doz R.R. Erasers	1.20
1 doz Primary Geographies	3 60
1 " Barnes Brief History	12 00
1 " Primary Readers. 2.16 1 Doz 2nd 4.20	6 36
1 Hand Bell 1.00 1 Case Pencils 1.25	2 25
1 Numeral Frame	1.00
2 Gall Liquid slating	10 00
1 Webster 4to dictionary	9 00
1 Doz Books. Primary Arithmetic	2 16
1 Office Chair	1.75
Clearing Custom House. Cash Cartage 4.00	1.25
	$ 65.16

Three hundred and eighty four 07/100

Prof W. H. Ruffner, President of Virginia State Normal School is a Christian man & one of the foremost educators of the United States.

He was the Originator of the present public School System of Virginia And was the first State Superintendent of Public Instruction This position he held Continuously, until the Mahone party came in power, and a Readjuster was elected in his place.

While State Superintendent his Annual Reports were the ablest & most Comprehensive Reports of the Kind in the United States.

A year ago When the State of Virginia wished to establish a State Normal School for White teachers, Prof Ruffner was Called upon to Organize & Conduct it.

He has been so Successful & Eminent Among the Educators of the Country,

that he has been called the "Horace Mann of the South"

He has been a life long Democrat and can have, if desired, the endorsement of the leading Public Men of the South and of the leading Educators of the whole Country, North & South.

He is the man above all others, that could follow Gen Eaton in his More than 20 years experience in bringing the U.S. Bureau of Education up to its present great Efficiency & high position, and carry forward those plans that the Matured Experience of years has shown to be Wisest & best.

The Men that have the cause of Public Education most at heart, will unite in the earnest recommendation, that Dr Ruffner shall be appointed by the President to succeed Gen Eaton (Resigned on account of health) as U.S. Commissioner of Education

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 17th 5-

Dr of Wm. A. Kelly

Dear Sir.

The Bureau has returned to you, your bill of July 13 & Aug 13 - 20th Amounting to $662 25/100 As there is a rule of Treasury Department providing that any bill over $300 shall have first been thrown open to Competition You will noticed that I send you Seperate bills in triplicate for signature. Please sign & return at once -

You will notice that I have left out the bill, the desks for Juneau -

When you have them made ready for shipment, you can make out a—

Seperate bill for them.

Also I have not included the freight on desks to Haines, which I can collect here.

Hope to write you further by this Steamer

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agt.

Bureau of Education D.C.
Nov 17th 5-

Mr Karl Kochler

Dear Sir

Since arriving here I find that the Department has returned your bill for sub-vouchers. To save your time I send you copies of the bill, which you can sign, & then return with the sub vouchers to this office in the enclosed official Envelope.

This decision suggests that, if you have undertaken the papering of the school room, when you send in bill, send with it the sub vouchers of the workmen.

I am glad that your wood bill

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Bill was paid as promptly -
I Mail you some blank vouchers
for future use -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Genl Agt

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 5-

Mr & Mrs John N. McHarland
Hoonah. Alaska

Dear Friends

I will arrange it so that you will be paid by the Government for teaching their school, & also retain your connection with the Board for Mission work outside of the School-

James Jackson will also be paid by the Govt. I send you a package of blank vouchers - Please sign six of them. Have your wife sign six others & Jas Jackson six - Just write your names on last lines & then mail them to me. We will fill them up

here. You will each mail me a Monthly report of School Statistics - such as total attendance for the Month. total boys - ditto girls - ditto adults. Average of each - Largest attendance any one day - Smallest - ditto. Make out the reports Monthly Whether you have an opportunity of Mailing them or not. & then mail them as you have opportunity.

Also send the usual quarterly reports to the Board in New York -

I sent you a large quantity of School Supplies last Month, which I hope you will receive in good condition

Hoping you will have a good School this winter. I Remain yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Ag't

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 85

Mr Henry E. Cutler

Juneau Alaska

Dear Sir

When you send in bills for fence, please send with it, receipted bills for ale purchases you make or wages you pay to others. This will prevent delays in getting your payment -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Ag't.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C
Nov 18th 5

Miss M. B. Murphy
Teacher at Juneau

Madam

We have sent you Salary up to Nov 1st. The Commissioner of Education was absent & Consequently I did not receive any increase.

If I succeed in doing so, I will include it in the ballance due you which will be sent when I receive your final report & vouchers —

Please sign your name on the Enclosed vouchers, (last line) & leave all the rest blank, We will fill it up for you here —

If you pay the janitor, please take a receipt from him & mail it to me & I will have it sent with bill for salary

When you turn the school over to your Mother, please take a duplicate receipt of all books, seats, & other property.

One list you will mail me, & the other keep for yourself.

Some supplies were sent you last Month, which I hope you received

I contracted with Mayo Koehler & Barnes for 10 cords of wood for the school Let me know when it is all received

Wishing you every success, I remain

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Gen. Agt.

Sign all the enclosed vouchers.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 97

Miss McAfee
Teacher at Wrangell

Madam

I have secured the sending of your salary until Nov 14th This will give you some money to keep Christmas with. If you pay your janitor $2 per month, take a receipt from him & send it to me. & I will have it returned to you with your salary.

The Department has directed that two Appleton's Reading Charts be sent you by express from San Francisco. One of them is for Miss Clara Ezold, please send it on to her.

I hope you received your supplies all right last month.

I hope to send some supplies to Louie Paul by this Steamer

Please sign the enclosed blank vouchers on the last line & forward them to me & I will fill them up for you as it becomes due -

Return them to me in the Enclosed Envelope -

Please make out & send for my guidance your daily programme of Exercises -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Sign all the enclosed vouchers -

Republican – Register. Galesburg Ills.

In Alaska Correction

Mr Editor –

In your paper for November 1st (just received) I find a full account of my late address on Alaska. Your reporter did remarkably well – But as it is to be expected in so long an address some inaccuracies crept in. Among them occurs this sentence. "The Judge + + + went leaving large liquor bills behind him unpaid when he departed from Sitka" This was not said by Judge McAllister, but by Dist Attorney Haskett. I have no reason to believe that the Judge left any bills unpaid & am sorry that the statement should have got into print. Please publish this Correction & oblige yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 1885.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 95

Mrs Sue Murphy -

When you take Charge of the School at Juneau, ask your daughter to please leave with you the instructions which I have sent her from time to time, as it will save my Copying them off for you.

Please sign your name in the last line of each of the enclosed six vouchers & Mail them to me, & it will facilitate the reception of your pay - ~~Leave the~~ Only sign Your Name, no other Writing! The Months & Amounts will be filled in here -

Write me the date When you

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take Charge of the School -
Hoping you may enjoy the
School, I remain
Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 5-

Prof A. J. Davis

Harrisburg. Pa

Dear Sir

Can you procure me a good gentleman (married or unmarried) teacher to take charge of the public School at Killisnoo. Alaska at a salary of $1200 and if possible go up by January Steamer? If you can look me up such a man, please let me know at once. The School will be Russian & native Children (largely the latter) in a log School house for the present.

Please send me at this office Navy Cloth Mugs of Alaska —

Hoping that the health of your
family is improving I remain very
Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 18th 5-

Miss Sarah M. Dickinson
Haines

Madam

I send you six vouchers
Please sign your name on the last-
line of each of them & then mail them
to me in the inclosed envelope.

You need place no other writing
on them. It will hasten the sending
you your pay - Remember & make
a report every Month of Attendance
& even if you have no opportunity
of sending them out. When you do
have an opportunity of sending to
Bureau, you can send them ac-

together. I sent you some supplies last month, which I hope you have received in good shape.

Kind regards to your parents

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agt.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 19th 85

Mr J. M. Vanderbilt
Kissimmee

Dear Sir

It gives me great pleasure to inform you, that I have secured permission to establish a School at Kissimmee, provided a room can be rented at a reasonable rate. I am now corresponding for a gentleman teacher. When secured I will send him forward at once - possible by the Jane Eleanor.

Kind regards to Mrs V- & other friends

Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Genl Agt

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 19th 85

Miss Frances D Gifford

Syracuse N.Y.

Yours of Nov 8th is before me with reference to Native baskets &c from Alaska for Mrs Smith, Mrs Abell & Mrs Kinney. I went through the Stores at Sitka – at Killisnoo – at Juneau & at Wrangell, a trip of about 400 miles and brought up everything that had been left by the Summer tourists.

If Mrs H. Brown Smith is not satisfied I am very sorry, as I took trouble enough to accomodate her. Alaska has become so popular as a Summer trip, that the tourists purchase a c-

the baskets, Mats &c that the people Make — & none are left for outside parties. The only time to secure One hereafter, is to send in the Spring ere the tourist season Commences. I returned Mrs Kinney & Mrs Abell a portion of their fund — the ballance that was left after sending them what I could find — Permit me also to say that with the increased demand prices have gone up. I have had a very pleasant letter about the matter from Mrs Kinney & I think Miss Smith will feel more pleasantly about it, When she learns the Condition of things. Remember that if I had failed Mrs Smiths ~~it~~ wishes I never would have received thanks for my services, that more, that been to 4 times the trouble & failed I should not be blamed —

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

(I have)

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 19th 95

Mr Louie Paul

Teacher at Fort Longaas

Dear Sir-

The Bureau of Education has directed to be sent you for your School the following articles

1 Appletons Reading Chart- from San Francisco
2 dozen Slates
1 Box of Slate pencils
½ Gallon Liquid Slating. (This is to be placed on a blackboard like paint-. When dry you can use the Chalk Crayons on it)
1 Box Chalk Crayons
1 Large Hand Bell
2 Black Board Erasers

1 Numeral Frame
1 dozen Primary Readers
1 dozen Second Readers
1 dozen Primary Arithmetic.
½ dozen Lead Pencils
½ dozen Tablets
1 Black Book
1 Record Book of Attendance.

In this latter book please enter the name of every person that attends School - & ~~Every~~ Month Make Me out a report of how many boys - how many girls & how many grown people have been in School during the month, also the Average attendance of the same -

You can mail the report to me in the enclosed envelopes without postage -

You are to Keep all books, Slates &c in your own hands & not let any Child or grown person take them out of the School room to their own homes - They are only for use in the School room & during School hours.

You must be very carefull of them, that the Slates are not broken & the books not torn or soiled or wet.

Next season I hope we may be able to get you a better School house -

Kind regards to your wife & babies

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. Gen'l Agt.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 19 95

Wm A. Kelly.

Sir

Please send a "School Attendance Book" by the Purser of the Steamer to "Louie Paul, Care of U.S. Deputy Collector of Customs. Fort Tongass. Alaska"
If there are any charges, please pay them & send bill to me -

I mail you 4 Maps of the United States. Please distribute them as follows

1 to Miss Powell Sitka
1 " " Rankin "
1 " Mrs Sue Murphy. Juneau Alaska
1 " Miss Lyda McAvoy. Wrangell "

Also furnish Yours Truly with one

of the School attendance books —

I paid $35 fare on the Steamer for returning [illegible] & Koyukuk to Sitka I presume Kopunk is in School & perhaps Koyukuk — If however one or both of them are out of School, try & have them work their money ($17½ each) out on the School fence or other improvements. I also sent you by November Steamer pickets for the School fence, 4 Kegs of Nails, Cod liver oil 1 Gale — which I paid for myself — Also a drum for Christmas for the School boys —

I Copina that the Schools will move pleasantly & successfully this winter I remain yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. Gen'l Agt

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 20 5

Mrs Abell

Enclosed please find a check for $15, the ballance of the $20 inclosed me in September for Alaskan baskets.

I visited the stores in 4 villages, (a distance of nearly 400 miles) and regret to say failed in securing you what I wished. As I wrote you in Oct there is only a limited supply of baskets made & those are eagerly purchased by the summer tourists.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 20th 85

Hon Mr Manning
Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir.

In the preparation of my Annual report on the Schools in Alaska, I would like very much to have the reports of the Schools on the Seal Islands, which reports are made annually to your Department. Please authorize me of your Clerks to furnish me a Copy & greatly oblige yours

Truly
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Genl Agt of Education
in Alaska

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 20th 5

Dear Bro Brady

Enclosed find Check for $45 - $40 of which is for the balance on my Share in Alaskan Printing Co + $5 for two subscriptions for paper -

Please have 1 copy sent me. at 345 N. Kellogg St Galesburg Ills. + 1 Copy to me "Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.

There is no probability of Mr McAlister being returned to Alaska -

When McAllister's father pressed the President. Mr Cleveland finally said to him. "When your Son Apologizes to the Missionaries for the Lie -

way in which he treated them, & the Missionaries sign a paper requesting his return, I will think of it."

You will be very sorry to hear that Gen Eaton will soon resign the Commissionership on account of his health.

My father is out of immediate danger & slowly gaining strength. I have not yet been over to New York Let me hear what you do concerning Hamma or Schurmer

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Nov 20th 85

A. L. Davis Esq

Dear Sir

You can retain the Map until I write you for it.

The Government does not pay any travelling expenses, and will not require the teacher to remain over one year, but will be glad to have him remain many years. We can through the Board of Home Missions secure half fare rates from Chicago to [illegible]

If the teacher proves very efficient I think his salary will be increased the second year. For a young man that wishes to see New Life, it is good

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Jet Lee [illegible] I think it is a good opening. If he understands book keeping, he can probably get work Evenings from the North West Trading Co.

If he has a wife that is a good teacher & the numbers justify a Second teacher she can get an additional Salary from $600 to $700 according to proficiency.

On the 24th I will probably be in Phila 26th-27th New York. And from 28th to Dec 8th or 10th in Washington. Where I will be very glad to see you —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Gen. Agt

If you have any time, please draw up & Mail me the form of a bill to present to Congress for adoption requiring attendance in the Alaska Schools at such points as Schools shall be established —

If the Nunn Man, selected for teacher, could visit the Bureau at Washington for a day; it would be of advantage I think —

Washington Property

Part of Original lot number (7) seven, Bring for said part the east 15 feet front by the entire depth thereof, all of Original lots Nos 5, 9 & 10 in Square 1011.

Recorded in liber No 1083 folio 51. Washington D.C. to Sheden Jackson.

All of lot No 11 in Block 11.
Lot " 22 " " 12
" " 20 " " 17
" " 19 " " 15
Hall & Elvans Subdivision Meriden Hill. County Washington D.C

Recorded in liber 1079 folio 113 Washington D.C. to Sheden Jackson

All of lot 78 John Borlands Subdivision of lot 54 of Subdivision of Square 194, as Made by Columbia College

Also the west 2 feet front of lot 53 in Square 194; Being 22 feet front on Madison St by 95 feet deep to Alley 10 feet wide. Washington to Sheden Jackson Recorded in liber 1079 folio 114.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Nov 23rd 5-

Supt of
U.S. C & G. Survey
Dear Sir

The Commissioner of Education desires to publish one or two maps of Alaska in connection with my annual report on schools in that Country.

If you can allow one of the Gentlemen in your Office to make the Maps outside of Office hours, I will gladly pay him for his trouble

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Gen'l Agt of Education
in Alaska

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Nov 23rd 85

Hon C.S. Fairchild
Asst Sec of the Treasury
Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 21st inclosing Annual Report of Treasury Agt of St Paul Island for June 1885 on the Condition of Schools on that Island is received with many thanks.

As my report now in preparation will be the first Government report on Schools in Alaska, & greatly desire Copies of the reports of the Treasury Agents on the Condition of the Schools on both St Paul & St George Islands Alaska from the beginning (1868 or 69) in order

to give a resume of the Whole School Work in that Section.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Gen'l Agt. of Education
in Alaska

Address me at
Bureau of Education
Washington
D.C.

Cincinnati,
October 15th 1845.

Rev. Wm. Hamilton
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Since writing you in June last the Rev.
[illegible] Israel Bond for Cincinnati
[illegible] Rabbi, has sent to this place one
Simeon Kohnsky "a Pole," who has received his
[illegible] in Europe & [illegible] from [illegible]
ing the second attempt commenced when Mr. Kohnsky
arrived here (Oct 2nd). Mr Kohnsky has confided
in his friends, and when it was suggested to him
that his friend first [illegible] to Shark [illegible]
[illegible] he said, in [illegible], "Like Lamb's case."

The course of new conversion is [illegible]
Jewish on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday
Mr. Kohnsky, and Reading on Tuesday, Thursday
and Saturday at the Rev. [illegible]

[illegible] I cannot [illegible] it is difficult to imagine, [illegible] will arrive in the Province some dead [illegible] or [illegible].

As I have [illegible] Mr. Kipinsky brought from Sitka to Juneau, cautioning the residents of Canadaska against him. Mr. Kipinsky [illegible] describing him as "a very dangerous man", I do not believe that he will be able to do us very much harm –

I will however respectfully suggest that the Canadian Commissioner here as elsewhere should be able to speak English, which Mr. Kipinsky does not, and as he is said to be an alien, he seems to me objectionable.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Chester Secker.

Commissioner.

Dec 1st 85

Hon John Eaton
U. S. Commissioner of Education
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

The gold Mines around Juneau are proving so valuable, (turning out now about $100,000 in gold bullion per month) that the place is commencing to grow, with the prospect of a rush of settlers next in the Spring.

Under these circumstances I have felt it very important to secure suitable lots as the site of the future School House. At present they can be had for the inquiring. But as this

State of things will not continue long
I have taken up all of block 23 on the
Village plat except two lots off one cor-
ner of the block, which were occupied

This block is the 4th back from
the beach and centrally located.
The corner lot two blocks distant
sold last summer if I mistake not
for a $1000. In order to secure the
lots I was compelled to throw a fence
around it (which was let to the lowest
responsible bidder) at an expense of
$60. Having received a certificate
from the U.S. Deputy Marshall that the
fence has been built, I respectfully

Recommend that the claim be allowed
And the bill ordered paid

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

Dec 1st 5

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

You will remember that last Summer for the want of a public building I was compelled to rent a log carpenter shop for the School building at Juneau

This fall when the winter storms commenced it was found that the room could not be made comfortable, unless the sides were covered with Cloth & paper

Accordingly I directed it to be done at a cost not to exceed $40. It has been accomplished for $36 10/100, which

Fur 3

Sum I recommend be taken in

Very Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agt

Education of Children in Alaska

Margaret Powell.

Dec 5 1st For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Sitka Alaska @ $800 per annum

September	65 20
October	67.40
November	65.20
	$197.80

Dec 5 - 1a 5

One hundred and Ninety Seven 80/100

Education of Children in Alaska

Sundries Dickinson

Dec 5

1st For Salary as teacher
of the U.S. Public School
at Haines Alaska at
a Rate of $30 per month
For the Months of September $30 00
" " October $30 00
" " November $30 00
$90 00

Dec 5-th
Ninety 00/100 —— 5

Education of Children in Alaska

Henry E. Cutler

Dec 5 1st For the erection of
light-hundred feet of
fence around the U.S.
Public School yard at
Juneau Alaska $60.00

Dec 5-the 5
Sixty 00/100

Karl Koehler Juneau Ak

October 5	20	To	10 rolls Paper (wall)	2 50
"	"	"	168 yards cabot ww	16 30
"	"	"	10 Papers Tacks	1 "
"	24	"	Papering & Lining House	12.00
"	"	"	Reuning & Piping Stove	3 30

Education of Children in Alaska

To Geo Nowell Dr

1885-

Dec 1st. To Rent of log house as School building at Juneau Alaska at $20 per month 40

To September	20.00
October	20.00
November	20.00
	$60.00

Oct- 12th 5.

Hon John Eaton

Commissioner of Education

Washington D.C.

Sir

The teachers in the public Schools have asked to be allowed the services of a janitor to sweep and dust the room, Make fires, Clean & fill lamps (on the dark winter days) &c. &c.

It seems a reasonable request & I would recommend that they be Authorized to employ a suitable person at one dollar per Month for two terms & two dollars per Month for the alternate two terms (Winter)

As it will be cheaper & better to employ in most cases one of their pupils, and as such persons will generally need the money each month, I would advise that the teacher be allowed to pay the janitor & include the amount in their quarterly bill for salary, forwarding with the necessary vouchers of the janitor

I would also ~~duty~~ recommend that the same course be pursued, when it becomes necessary for a teacher to employ some one to cut the wood into stove length.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Jan 6th 86

Rev W. L. Merhouse D.D.
Sup't W. M. Soc

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of sending you for signing a contract (4 copies) for the Conduct of a School at Kadiak Alaska

You will please sign them in the presence of two Witnesses & return them to me for the signature of the Commissioner

When duly signed a copy will be sent you for your own use.

This places the Arrangement in a legal form, so that you can forward the teacher & get the School under way as soon as practicable

A similar agreement will be made next July & each succeeding year as long as it shall be mutually

agreeable to the Government & your views & Congress shall make the needful appropriations

Any information I can give you please write me.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent of
Education in Alaska

Confidential

Jan 6th 6

Dear Bro Morhouse.

I send you an Agreement (4 Copies) for Signature. If possible please sign & return them as soon as possible as I very much desire to have the Arrangements all perfected before there is a new Commissioner of Education.

As Gen Eaton has resigned, of Course the President may appoint his Successor any day.

When these Arrangements are once made, they are a precedent for the future.

If you get a Man to Kadiak next May, you will be paid for May & June in this year -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

June 6th 6

Rev E. de Schweinitz D.D.
Bethlehem Pa

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure of sending
you for signature a Contract (4 Copies)
for the Conduct of a day School at Bethel
Alaska

You will please sign & return
them to me for the Signature of the
Commissioner of Education

When duly signed a Copy will
be sent you for your own use

This places the arrangement
in a legal form

A similar agreement will be made
next July and each succeeding year, as
long as it shall be mutually agreeable
to the Government & yourselves, and Congress
shall provide the necessary appropriation

Your signature should be in the

presence of two witnesses.

If Hope when you come a similar agreement can be made with reference to Anvik -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U. S. Genl Asst of Education in Alaska

It is highly important that the papers should be signed & returned at an early date

Jan 6th

To Wm S. Langford D.D.
Sec'y of Episcopal Missions

Dear Brother

I have the pleasure of sending you for signature a Contract (4 copies) for the Conduct of a day school in the Upper Yukon River.

You will please sign them and return them to me for the signature of the Commissioner of Education.

When duly signed a copy will be sent you for your own use.

This places the arrangement in a legal form, so that I can forward the teachers & get the School under way as soon as practicable.

A similar agreement will be made next July & each succeeding year, as long as it shall be mutually agreeable to the Government & yourself.

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Have you heard anything concerning the Industrial School at Unalaska?

Any information I can give you please write me -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
U.S. Gen'l Agt of Education
in Alaska.

The Agreement should be signed in the presence of two witnesses.

Confidential

Jan 6th 6

Rev W. S. Langford D.D.

Dear Bro -

I send you for Signature the Agreement (4 copies) for the Indian School.

As Gen Eaton has resigned & his Successor may be appointed any day & as it is important to have this Arrangement that was commenced under Gen Eaton consummated by him please Sign & return these papers as soon as convenient.

When this arrangement is once made, it will be a precedent for the future.

Yes Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Jan 6th 6

Messrs Kendall & Roberts
New York

Dear Brethern

I have the pleasure of
Enclosing you for Signature an Agreement
for the Conduct of a School at Wrangel
Alaska. Please Sign and return
to me as soon as Convenient, that it may
be Signed by the Commissioner.

You will notice that the terms are
very similar, only more liberal, ~~than~~
to those given by the Indian Bureau

There are four Copies. 1 for the Board
When Signed by the Commissioner & 3 for
the Government.

Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

Jan 6th 6

Dear Drs Kendall & Roberts

I send you officially to-day an agreement (4 copies) for the School at Kemah. You will remember that when last fall, I tried & succeeded in getting the salaries of Mr & Mrs McMartin & their interpreter on the Bureau of Education, Mr McMartin wrote that they did not wish to be Govt teachers.

I have now secured this arrangement by which the money for their support can be sent direct to you.

It is very important that these papers should be signed at once, as we want the matter arranged before the Extra goes out of office. If it is necessary to have a vote of the Board or School Com^n please call them together at once in an extra Meeting. The New Commissioner is liable to be appointed

by the President any day.

The news from Sitka is distressing Rev & Mrs Willard & Miss Mathews have returned to Illinois on account of health. Miss Dauphin as you know was dropped & is out of the work (and married) Miss Rankin has taken the Government Native day School & has 50 in attendance Mrs Heaton has struck for higher wages. And the School is Crippled for the want of teachers. Since Miss Dauphin was dropped Mr Lewis is very unfriendly & is trying to poison the minds of the other officials & they will magnify the Crippled condition of the School. Then the Roman Catholics are starting in & they will do all they can to fan the flame. (By the way they are working vigorously against you in Washington.) and under cover influences even the Indians are in danger of becoming dissatisfied.

Under the circumstances, it is

policy, economy & duty to act energetically.

A Woman is needed to take Miss Matthews place in the laundry.

A 2nd woman is needed in the Kitchen & dining room (Mrs Healey's place)

A 3rd woman is needed as Matron. Miss Kelsey is not a success as Matron, but is a success in the School room. As soon as a Matron can be secured, she should be returned to the School room.

~~Hoping~~ If you & the Woman's Executive Com^tee have no one in view & will authorize Prof Davis of Harrisburg & myself to find some one, for you, I think we can do it.

If you wish us to do so, let me know soon.

I send a Christian teacher to

Killisnoo by next Steamer to Jeru-
chut.

Now that Mr Millard has not
come to Juneau, you need look up
a Minister for that point.

During the troubles at Sitka last
Spring ~~practicably~~ nearly all the large boys
left. Consequently the small boys
were unable to cut & raft in sufficient
fire wood for the winter & they are running
out of wood. They must have a team
of some kind. They ask for Mules, but
I think a good yoke of oxen will be better.

Dr Kendall's letter enclosing Dr Lindig's telegram received. It means
that the men that were routed last
Summer by the President have not
lost their enmity to the Board & its work.
And they have friends who are continuing
the agitation in Washington.

They consider their removal due
in part to the Board & Missionaries

As well as to Myself And they propose to annoy & misrepresent the Board, in its work, & Myself in the Gov't work all they can, & have their friends do the same. Dr Lindsley in his opposition to Me & Dr R.W. Hill (& Anybody else that would attempt Anything for Alaska but himself) is playing into the hands of the opposition

We have however some strong friends both in & out of Congress and the future alone can determine the result.

Seventeen were received into the Sitka Church at a Communion since I left. So that the Devil does not have it all his own way.

The Lord bless & prosper you -

Your Brother in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson

Jan 7th 6

Prof Geo B. Johnston

Dear Sir

Prof Davis was here yesterday. As the Commissioner of Education was taken away from the City, we concluded that it was not necessary for you to come here and therefore telegraphed you to that effect yesterday.

Please make all your arrangements to start about the 15th I will before then send you letter of instructions, letters of introduction &c and all things necessary.

It is very important that you get off this month.

Please mail me any teachers certificates you may hold or other testimonials

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Gen'l Agt of Education in Alaska

Bureau of Education

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.
Sec Episcopal Missions

Dear Brother

Yours of yesterday received. You are evidently confounding the situation at Unalaska with that at Fort Yukon. Unalaska was to be a training & Boarding School at $150 per pupil per annum! Fort Yukon is a day School. You may have 25 pupils, or 30, The Contract says 25 if practicable but does not absolute require any definite number. This is better for you than making it $150 each for 10 pupils, as you might fail to have the 10 the year around —

There is so much uncertainty about it that the Department was holding

to designate a certain definite amount.

2nd The Government has no buildings at Fort Yukon. It was originally a Hudson Bay Co Fur Post. At the time of the transfer they were abandoned.

The Alaska Commercial Co have established a store there & probably occupied one or more of them.

The latest information I have concerning the place is found in Schwatka's illustrated articles on the "Great River" Yukon in the Century for (I think) Oct & Nov or Sept & Oct 1885.

I think that there are buildings there which your Missionaries can take possession of & repair.

With the limited funds at their disposal for Salaries &c the Bureau are not furnishing buildings to the several societies. They are however furnishing School books & other appliances - which will add ~~to the~~ $200 to $300 to the $1500

given out & out to the Society

Any further information that I can give you, please address me

I hope your Society meets soon as it is very important that the agreement be signed at an early date.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Jan 9th 6

Prof Geo B. Johnston
Lamartine. Clarion Co. Pa.

Dear Sir

You are hereby appointed teacher of the public school at Killisnoo Alaska at a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum payable quarterly upon the reception of Monthly reports in duplicate

This appointment is subject to the approval of Com John. Eaton U.S. Commissioner of Education

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Jan 6th

Prof George B. Johnston
Lamartine Pa.

Dear Sir

In the absence from the City of the Honorable Commissioner of Education I enclose you a Commission under which you can work.

Upon arriving at Killingworth, please confer with Mr John M Vanderbilt and secure the best house for school purposes that can be rented for $10 per month or less per month. Do not let even Mr Vanderbilt know how much you are authorized to pay, & procure your building at as low a rate as possible. If it is from an native & he requires pay every month, perhaps the North West Indiana Co will advance the money. The Government pays quarterly.

Whoever pays the rent, must take a receipt for each payment, & these receipts must be forwarded with the bill to Washington.

The Building will probably need some repairing. You are authorized to have it fixed up at a cost not to exceed $100. When the bill for the same is sent here, it must be accompanied with receipts for all payments.

You will find some school desks ready to be fastened together in storage with the A. M. Trading Co. If you need more, you can order them, also blackboards &c from Prof Wm A. Kelly Silk Hawks.

You will open school as soon as after your arrival as the room can be prepared

The school is free to all, Whites Russians, Creoles, Negroes, Chinese Natives, without distinction of race. You will give special attention to securing

the regular attendance of the natives.

You will teach five days in each week, legal holidays excepted.

The daily hours of instruction are from 9 to 12 A.M. and 1 to 4 P.M.

You will keep an accurate account of daily attendance in the Record Book furnished you.

You will also enter upon the Annual Register, the name of each new pupil that enters School & fill up as far as possible the several Columns.

In the Column "Occupation" Change Occupation to "Nationality" Write in that Column "American" "Creole" (The Russians are classed as Creoles) "Chinese". "Native" "Half breeds" &c. &c.

At the close of each month you will mail me a report in duplicate (see form 3 of Record Book) in which you will give the number of days each

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total attendance – average attendance – No of Boys – girls – adults – Natives – Americans – Creoles – half breeds &c Until further notice, you will address these reports to me at Bureau of Education Washington.

When you reach Portland Oregon you will please call on Dr G.H. Atkinson 47 Jefferson St. who will probably have instructions to purchase your supply of school books &c

You will take charge of all School property such as desks, stove, books, Slates Crayons, pencils &c &c and account for the same at the close of each term.

Pupils are not to be allowed to take slates, books, pencils &c out of the School room. If they purchase at the store, books, slates &c for themselves you will have the Government property so marked that there will be no confusion

You can purchase wood for the school room & have it cut up – Send bills with receipts to me

Write me freely of your needs – discouragements & discouragements

Also any suggestions towards increasing the efficiency & usefulness of the Schools.

If Congress will make a liberal appropriation, perhaps we can erect a suitable School building for you the coming season. I hope so, but it is very uncertain.

I enclose you some blank vouchers please place your signature on the last line & return them to me. It will expedite your receiving your quarterly pay.

Rubber coat, & boots will be found useful in the rainy Climate of Alaska also good woolen underclothing.

Hoping you may have a pleasant School & enjoy your work in Alaska I remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

Genl Agent.

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Jan 6th 76

Hon John Eaton
Commissioner of Education

Sir

I enclose you a letter to Dr Atkinson if it meets with your approval please sign & forward as there is not much time left.

Prof Johnston will leave Penn^a about the 15th & reach Portland the last of the Month.

Hoping that all things are moving smoothly with you. I remain

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Jan 9th 6

Rev G. H. Atkinson D.D.

47 Jefferson St Portland Or

Dear Sir

Prof Geo B. Johnston has been appointed teacher for the public School at Killisnoo. Alaska.

He has a letter of introduction from Dr Sheldon Jackson & will call upon you upon his arrival at Portland, the last of this month.

Please procure for him the following supplies

4 doz Slates
2 boxes Slate pencils
6 doz Copy books
1/2 doz Bracket-Lamps
1 Desk Lamp
1 Wood Stove.
1 Shovel & Tongs
1 Numeral frame
2 boxes Steel pens
2 Qts of ink 5th bottles
1/4 Ream letter paper
6 boxes Crayons
1 doz blackboard erasers
1 Large Hand Bell
1 Call Bell
1 Clock

2

1 Chair
1 Gale oil can
Lamp wicks
1 box Lamp Chimnies
1 Dictionary
10 Advanced Geographies
12 Primary "
12 Language Books
1 Wood axe
1 " Buck Saw

10 lengths (Knock down with holes punched & rivets)
3 Russia iron stove pipe
3 Elbows
1 Zinc
1 Gale liquid Slating
1/2 doz histories of U.S.
1 " Child's "
1 " 1st Readers
1 " 2nd "
1 " 3rd "
1 " 4th "

Washington D.C.
Jan 11th 6

To the
Second Assistant Postmaster General
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Mr J. H. Voorhees, Contractor on route 47102 sends me your letter of Jan 2nd 1886 concerning failure in "Carrying the Mail in July & Sept 1885" and wishes me to see your Department.

As you are aware this service is performed by an Indian in a canoe some 250 miles along the Alaska Coast and takes all the way from 5 to 18 days each way according to the state of the weather. In winter it is frequently a very perilous trip. But Notwithstanding the dangers & storms, it

is the boast of the Carrier that he has not missed a round trip each month for 30 consecutive months.

The reason he is sometimes reported as failing is the blundering of the Post Master at Fort Mangle, who is an ignorant German baker.

And yet I have no doubt he does the best he can, and as no one else in that place was willing to be Post-Master I do not know that he is to be blamed.

The Canoe mail reaches Fort Mangle from Jackson before the mail steamer arrives from the South. When the steamer reaches Mangle, it proceeds North to Jackson & Lilka & then returns to Mangle on its way South.

As nearly all the mail for Jackson comes from the South, the Carrier does not always wait for the return of the steamer from Lilka

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The Post Master at Manaoli sometimes reports arrival in the 2nd Column, then erroneously places date of departure in same Column, making two arrivals & no departures that month. At other times it is vice versa two departures & no arrivals. At other times instead of making the proper entry when the mail arrives or departs, he is in a hurry & delays it until he has more time & then perhaps forgets it altogether.

Or the Carrier waits for the return of the Steamer from the North - In the meantime the Manaoli P.M. makes up his report & mails it before the departure of the Canoe Mail. Then instead of entering it the day after the Steamer leaves, when the Canoe Mail leaves, ~~it is~~ the entry is delayed until the following Month when the Steamer is expected.

In a small office like that

at Triangle, which no one wants, it is very difficult to secure prompt and accuracy in preparation of the papers & filling the regulation blanks.

Now as to Route 47102. I ~~have~~ know that the round trip has been made every month from the begining of the Contract from the following reasons

1st I receive regular monthly pay to from the School at Jackson

2nd I have the written testimony of the post-master at Jackson that there has been no failure.

3rd I have frequent corroborative testimony from the Government teacher at Fort Mason.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

trains across the Continent.

I do not know whether you can get reduced fare or not. You can try it however. First find out what the regular fare is, then call on Mr. Hare with my note & see if you can get any reduction.

Mr Waddams of Portland is a ruling Elder, & a Commission Merchant. He is greatly interested in Alaska Schools -

If you stop any time at Juneau visit the public School.

While enroute write me how you get along.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent -

Do you know of other good teachers that wish to go to Alaska?

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Jan 12th 6

Mr George Nourle
Astor House. New York

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd from San Francisco was received this morning
& am very sorry you have not received your rent. & have just been over to the room of the Disbursing Clerk & find that he Mailed to you at Juneau on Sept 17th 1885. Check no 29417 for $75. And on Dec 7th 1885 a check for $60.

The last one you would not have received before you left, as it would go up on the January Steamer.

But the one sent Sept 17th you should have received in Oct, or in Novem at the very latest.

The Clerk says that probably in

due time, it will be returned to him through the dead letter office & then he can replace it.

When you return west, can you not come by the way of Washington.

I think you will find a few days here very pleasant.

I will always be glad to look up any matters for you.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. Ind. Agent.

Washington D.C.

Dear Mrs. Davis

I wrote the Women's Ex Committee last week, that if there were any Ladies to send to the Silk Schools, that they could write & we would try to find some one for them.

The enclosed letter is from a Christian Woman for the Silk School

One for the Sewing Room. I should like not to have to dismiss Miss Mulligan, but have been obliged to take the girls keys to do the dressing

One for the Laundry

Hard work for Matron

The Rooms have been whitewashed & painted & are now in order.

I see Simon Peter is dead, & cattle
[illegible] Kentucky Common
Pleas Trial Docket Nov 2 & that
Spelled Simon. Perhaps the
Builder of Harrisburg Canal is Simon
Peter, also Mrs Kate B. Bryan Librarian
Pa? Mrs Bryan is President of the Penn
State Normal Pennsylvania Woman's Christian
Union. Please let me hear from you
& I will undertake it, also keep me
posted as to progress -

Have write me from New York that
I can not find the Map of Alaska
I have an indistinct recollection
that Rev Mr Young of Fort Wrangell sent
it five years ago when last, & neglected
to return it.

Kind regards to your wife &
Children

Yours truly

[illegible]

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
W. A. Kelly

Copies 11. 1885

Oct	5	For Sitka School		
"	"	3 Cords of wood @ $5		15 00
"	"	284 feet Lumber @ $9.95 + 125 ft. C Lumber @ $4.37		14.32
"	"	6 Windows @ $3 18. 3# nails @ 25	35 (39	18.39
"	"	10 paper tacks $1. 1 Door Lock .80		1.80
"	"	6 1 Gale Paint $1.25 1 Roll paper 65		1.90
"	"	1 Door Hinges $2.50 66 yds Hair Lining 3.95		6.45
"	"	6 Days work @ $5		30.00
Nov	21	2 tons of Coal. $22 Hauling Coal $2		24.00
		For Unalashka School		
Oct	1	18 Double desks @ $6.		108.00
		4 Seats with backs @ $2.50		10.00
		2 Blackboards @ $6.		12 00
				$241 86

Two hundred forty one 86/100

Education
Washington, D. C.
Jan. 15 6

use of the School at Killisnoo, Alaska.
Wm. H. Gardiner,
Acting Commissioner.

	48	Mem. Tablets - Assorted sizes
4	5/20 ream	Letter paper.
52	1 gross	Gillotts pens.
64	2 doz.	Pen holders.
148	6 doz.	Lead pencils
160	1 doz	Rulers

To be sent to
Prof. George B. Johnston
Killisnoo, Alaska.

Teacher.

Jan 16th 1

Rev Joshua Kimber

Associate Sec'y P.E. Mission

Dear Brother

Yours of yesterday received I am glad to hear that your Board has entered so heartily upon the Alaska work.

I have so little acquaintance in your Church, that I know of no suitable teacher.

I have been much pleased with the earnestness of Rev Mr Deins now in Ohio, & have hoped that you could secure him. And Mr Kirkby.

If however that is not practicable

permit me to suggest that you make a call through your religious Work[illegible] for some one to go up there & take Charge of a School. In response you will probably receive fifty applications. From the fifty you can or ought to secure one first Class & suitable teacher.

Perhaps you can secure Rev Mr Sims to do the Mission itinerating & a lay man to go into the School room.

Seperated so far from Civilization it is very important to have two men at the Station, And one or both of them should be married & have his wife with ~~him~~ Them.

If you do not secure Messrs Sims & Hinkle & shall send some one from the States, it is important that they be ready

to start in the early Spring via San-Francisco & up the Yukon River on the ~~the~~ Annual voyage of the Lind Yukon Steamer.

You will of course see the Necessity of sending healthy people, with Cheerful dispositions into that rigorous & depressing Winter Climate.

If Dr Langford or yourself come to the Indian Meeting at Washington Next Week, let me know, that I may call on you -

As early as you can secure the Signing of the Agreement (in quadruplicate, please) do so & have them forwarded to me

If it is not asking too much, "please place me on your free list for the "Spirit of Missions" At present send to me Care of Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Washington D. C.
Jan 15th 6

Miss McAvoy

I return you the inclosed Statement with the request that you mail me receipts for each of the inclosed items.

I regret the delay involved, but it is a rule of the Treasury Dep't & Unless we comply with it, they will not pay out the Money.

Hereafter please be careful to send receipts for all Charges against the School and save delay in receiving the Money.

I send you by Mail Maps of the United States. Eastern Hemisphere
North America Alaska
Brazil National Music Series
Divisions Complete School.

I also send as freight a Complete Set of Outlines Maps. Also some Charts on Physiology. This box will be two or three months reaching you. When it comes, have the Purser of the Steamer Charge the freight to the Government.

Gen Eaton has consented to allow you some Kindergarden Material. It will probably be sent next Month.

I will send to the Mission Board for receipt for wood furnished the School —

Much obliged for daily order of Exercises

Wishing you every success in your School

I Remain Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Jan 16th.

You will be a happy woman
I mail (Registered) you to-day 4
packages of Kindergarten Material
The above 4 make 6 Registered
Mail packages sent you this month.
When you can, you may send the
$8. for the two cords of private wood
direct to Mr C.D. Eaton P.O. Box 1938
New York N.Y.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Jan 16 6

Mr J. M. Vanderbilt
Killisnoo Alaska

Dear Friend

It gives me great pleasure to write you that Prof Geo B. Johnston of Western Penn^a left here yesterday to open a School at Killisnoo.

Please assist him in Renting a suitable building.

If the N. W. T. Co will fit up the room for the School, & furnish fire wood, they will make out bill & send to me. Also with the bill, send three of the blank vouchers with your signature (or that of [illegible]) on the

the last line of the blank - Do not sign firm name per J. M. T. but an individual name.

We will then take your bill & put it in shape on the blanks containing your signature. The bills are then sent to the Disbursing Clerk of the Interior Department, who will mail you a check for the same -

If you pay out anything, always take a receipt & send with bill -

For Example

" 6 lbs of nails 0.00

Cash to John Smith for 3 days work at $ - 0.00 "

" " Native for 4 days work @ 0.00 "

The latter two must be accompanied with the receipt of John Smith & the Mark of the Native.

This matter of receipts is a requirement of the Treasury Dep't. Which is rigedly enforced -

I inclose you some blanks Prof Kelly of Sitka will upon demand furnish the necessary School desks & blackboards -

Some desks & other School Supplies were left last Sept by S. Ripinsky in Store at Killisnoo - Please turn them over to Mr Johnston.

An effort will be made to secure a sufficient appropriation for the erection of a School building at Killisnoo It is doubtful whether it succeeds.

Hoping you may find the teacher
an acceptable addition to your limited
society and that he may succeed in
building up a good school -

I remain very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson.

Washington D.C.
Jan 16th 6

Prof Wm A. Kelly.

Dear Sir

I Mail you this month nine registered packages.
The Kindergarten Supplies are for any & all of the Sitka Schools that will use them.

You will also receive a large supply of Maps & Charts of various Kinds Please take what you need for the Training School. Then let Misses Powell & Kinkin have such of the ballance as they may need.

After they are supplied let Prof Johnston & Killisnoo have some

if he wishes them. The remainder
store until I come next Spring -
In addition to what you receive by mail
I have sent as freight a complete set
of outline maps. to you for the Training
School. I have also sent you by
mail a roll of pictures of Animals &c
If you can procure Geo Berry at a
reasonable rate, have them backed
with Cloth, them placed on the walls of
the School room of the Training School
or of the dining room as object lessons.
The following Maps & Charts were
sent off ~~Webbe~~ by mail without Regis-
tering.

Guyots Map of U.S.
" World
" N America
Australia
Mitchells Brazil
Magyar
Europe
Geographical Pictures

Spencerian Charts Zoological Diagrams
Arithmetical " " Machine Details
Musical " Building Construction
Metric " Phonetic Chart.

Your Bills for Oct 1st Unalaska, Oct 5th the repair of Miss Powell's School Room also for School Seats for Hoonah. Haines & Ft Wrangell have all been audited and I trust Checks for the same will reach you by this Mail.

Miss Lizzie Patton of Cochranton Pa will come up by Mark Sleamer to take Miss Rankin's School at the Close of her three Months.

Pr/ Geo B. Johnston of Clarion Co

Pa - goes up by this Steamer to Establish
a School at Killisnoo. I have authorized
him to call on you for desks & blackboards.
I will inquire into the Custom house
Charges when I have time

Gov Swineford has written that you ought
to have a team of Oxen - His letter has been
sent to the Board & I have joined in the
request. I hope something will come
from it. Prof Davis & Myself at the
request of the Womans Ex Com^te are trying
to find a woman for the laundry - one
for sewing room & one for Matron at
Sitka. - 3 in all. If you have any one to rec-
ommend, write Rev John Reid, Port-
Townsend Washington Terr to telegraph
the name to Prof A. J. Davis. Harrisburg
Pa. If there is any prospect of

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Mr Heaton leaving in the Spring, have Another Carpenter selected & Ready to Come. I hope however that Mr Heaton May Stay, if he is contented.

I May write again next week but Close this now

Much love to all the Workers

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Jan 16 6

Dear Bro Gould

I send you by this Monthis Mail (registered) two $70.00 packages of Silver. I will try & send one $70 package each month that I remain in Washington, unless you write me the Contrary.

The post Master at Wrangell wrote the Department not long ago Complaining of the irregularity of the arrival of the Jackson Mail & that the Carrier was Complaining of pay &c &c. He (the P.M.) should have more Common Sense. His own reports are very faulty

And gives us much trouble — For instance in some of his Banks, instead of Making an entry in the "Arrival" Column & another in the "departure" he will place them both in the Arrival or in the departure Making two arrivals & no departure or vice versa As a result the Department took $41 off of Mr Forbes' pay recently.

This shows how important that your Banks be filled out Correctly, so that we can Correct the Mangell Mistakes by your reports.

Mr Forbes has bid for another 4 years, but will be well pleased if some one bids under him.

The result of the bids will not be

known before the last of Feb -

Prof Geo B. Johnston of Clarion Co Pa goes by this Steamer to Establish a School at Killisnoo. Alaska -

I send Miss Clara by Registered Mail 4 packages. Maps. Charts &c I hope they will not be soaked while enroute.

A. Miss Lizzie Patton of Cochranton Pa goes to Sitka by March Steamer to take Miss Rankin's place in the Gov't School. I believe Miss Rankin returns east. Love to your family

Your Bro in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th 6

Miss Grace

I send you this month by Registered Mail a package of Music & Books.

I trust that you are quiet about the organ, but write & write & write to the Treasurer Committee & the Chamber until a Cabinet Organ is provided. Then it might be sent to Sitka & kept until next summer the Mission being it to you -

I send you by this mail two bags of Silver by Registered Mail. Pay to Mary Rice Enoch Teine & Sophie.

Love to you in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th 6

Miss Pourie.

Yours of Dec 18th received I am glad your exhibition passed off so credibly

Miss Lizzie Patton will probably arrive at Sitka on the March Steamer

I Mail you by this Steamer one registered package of Maps & Charts.

I also send a number of Maps & Charts to Prof Kelly for the Industrial School & for distribution to the other Schools — Also some Kindergarten Material.

Wishing you great success in your School I remain Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
June 18th 6

Miss Rankin

Dear Lister

Prof Kelley tells me that you have taken the Knock School for 3 months. At the expiration of which time you expect to come East-

I have therefore arranged to send Miss Lizzie Patton up to carry on the School when you leave -

I do not know whether I sent you any blanks. If not I do now Please sign your name on the bottom line of the three & return them to me

As you will be on your way East before the Check can reach you, please let me know where to send it

If you have already signed those blanks, you will please send them

Blanks to Mr Kelley.

I send you by this Steamer
the Registered Mail package of Maps
& Charts for your Labors.

Mrs Jackson is with me in
Washington & sends love

Wishing you much success
in your Labors I remain yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th 6

Col M. D. Ball

Dear Friend

Yours of Dec 8th came to hand safely. I am very glad you wrote me Concerning Capt W.B. Bach.

I am spending three or four Evenings a week with the Senators Manufacturing public Sentiment in favor of all the Alaska Nominations & making a special effort in your behalf.

The leading Senators, that have the matter in Charge, are proceeding to take their time & to canvass each Removal very carefully. Some of my personal friends are on the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, that will report on your Nomination, and you may rest assured that I will do my utmost to secure your Confirmation

There are two or three very strong points in your favor. 1st Your predecessor was so notoriously unfit, that the Committee concur in the opinion that a change was desirable —

2nd He is dead & therefore ~~the~~ the office is vacant

3rd You were once confirmed by a Republican Senate for Collector.

4th You were the choice of the people for delegate.

5th An important influence, supposed to be hostile, is now absent from the Senate & will be for some time.

The Senate expects a very stormy session, but I have strong hopes that Alaska nominations will go through all right.

The friends of Mc Allister & the other removed officials are making a very bitter war on me personally, ascribing their removal to my influence.

Therefore I hope the new men

Who are enjoying the positions made vacant, will as far as possible stand by me in this fight and give me their confidence & influence.

Good words from the officials at Sitka will do much to allay the opposition of some of the citizens created by the misrepresentations & lies of some of the ex officials

Maj Berry, your most bitter enemy at Sitka, I think is the man that goaded on Hackett & the others against me.

Gen Eaton is doing what he can for your confirmation. He has resigned on account of health -

Much obliged for your efforts to secure me a complete set of the Alaskan If not already done, please see that my name is placed among the

Territorial Officers — Also with the concurrence of your Executive Committee publish in the Alaskan the enclosed action of the National Educational Association on Alaska —

It shows the interest the teachers of the United States take in our Country, & that they should notice it among the National questions of the day.

If I am not removed, it is my ambition to give Alaska not a Superior System of Common Schools.

Very Kind regards to your family

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

I Congratulate you on your partner. Ship with so fine a mate as Mr Frank of Portland.

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th 6

Hon Jno G. Brady
Dear Brother

Yours of the 18th is received. I was much obliged for the interview of the Tribune sent me. About Dec 30th I spent a night with Mr Kane of Chicago & heard something of the Changes to the Leo. If I remember aright I wrote you at that time Concerning plans for next Summer.

I have directed a Set of 35 or 36 of the Moravian photographs sent you by Mail. Please enclose me $6.50/100 the cost of the same

I Am doing What I can to secure the Confirmation of Myers Swinefords Atkins, Bull & Co. The Senate Will use Investigating Matters very Carefully. I Expect a very Stormy

session. The friends of the removed officials have made a bitter war on me. They have sent a mass of lies & misrepresentations to the Departments that are simply wonderful. and give the enemies of the work in Alaska an opportunity of making some capital

I sent a teacher by this steamer to Killisnoo. & will send another to Sitka by March steamer. We are also looking for 3 more ladies for the Mission School at Sitka. Who will be your Agents at Seattle? Would you recommend the Govt & Church to ship to the care of your line?

Wishing you every success in your undertakings I remain

Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Jan 18th 6

Miss Murphy

I Am glad to receive your good November report.

I Am sorry that you have been unable to secure a Janitor. I will bring the matter before the Commissioner When he returns to the City.

Unless you pay some one (& forward a receipt for the same) as Janitor, the Treasury Department can not pay any funds on that account.

The Rules of the Department forbid your receiving the Salary as teacher And another as Janitor.

At the Close of your letter you write. "Please send me three dollars for having the freight hauled from the Wharf to the School house"

If you will send a receipted bill

of the draymen, or who ever did the hauling, the bill will probably be paid. Unless the Commissioner considers the bill extortionate. It is expected that you will have everything done at the lowest possible rate. If you can hire ~~Aleuts~~ natives or Russians to carry the freight from the Wharf Cheaper than the draymen, hereafter please do so. This Office expects all business to be transacted as economically as if done for a private person, instead of the Government.

And any time you have occassion to make any payments however small for the School, always take a receipt & forward it with your bill.

I send you this months 3 registered Mail packages containing Maps, Charts &c for the School.

Kind regards to your parents

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th 6

Prof Wm A. Kelly
Dear Brother

I return the enclosed communication to Sitka It may or may not be of service.

If you find towards Spring that you can not keep some of the larger boys, but that they are determined to go to the Mines, will it not be a good plan for you or Mr Austin accompany them to Juneau and arrange with some responsible parties for their employment.

Perhaps you can arrange for their employment at the Mines in Silver Bay & keep them on the roll & under the influence of the Institution as Capt Pratt of Carlisle does when he puts out his Children for the Sum-

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over among the farmers of Penn^a
Gen^l Mr Austin talk it over.
If I get an appropriation for building
shoot houses, I will be able to give them
employment all summer -. But this
will not be definitely known before next
summer.
With love to all I remain
Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
Gen^l Ag^t

Washington D.C.
Jan 18th 6

Miss McAvoy

I have just learned that you have been appointed Post-Mistress at Wrangle - I am very glad, for your ~~last~~ predecessor muddled his reports to the Post office department so that it made a great deal of trouble.

Sometimes he would place the arrival of the mail in the Column of departure - thus making two departures & no arrival & vice versa - the result at Washington being the fining of the Contractor for not carrying the Mail, when the trouble was the blunder of the Wrangel post master.

As the comfort of the Gould's depend largely on their mail, we ought to be careful & do nothing that will make the Department at Washington

dissatisfied with the South.

The Department of Education does not allow teachers to purchase books of local dealers, except in extraordinary cases they first procure permission from Washington.

It will be well to encourage Mr Taylor to keep the same kind of books that you use in the School room and Encourage the parents of the Children to buy them of Mr Taylor.

It is the policy of the Bureau to encourage the Children to own their own books. They will value them more highly & take better care of them

That the books furnished by the Bureau can go to those too poor or too Close to purchase & be used only in the School room - not to be taken home.

Those that purchase at the Store they can of Course take home with them if they Choose. Truly Yours

O. O. Howard

Capt to send Slate to-morrow.

Washington D.C.
Jan 19 6

Mr Lewis Gerstle
Pres[t] A. C. Co

Dear Sir

Please let me know the probabilities of approximate time when you will send your first vessel to Unalashka or Kadiak, also to St Michaels.

Does any of your vessels reach St Michaels in time to connect with the small steamer to Fort Yukon?

If we should wish to send a couple of teachers to Fort Yukon, could you take them up there for a suitable consideration? Can arrangements be made for the teachers at Ft Yukon to procure a certain Amount of necessary supplies from your Store at Ft Yukon, and payment made at your

Central Office at San Francisco?
In the establishment of Schools in
Central & Western Alaska, we will be
very much dependent on your ~~Co~~ Co
Company for facilities of transportation
Mail & supplies.

I trust the establishment of such
Schools may prove advantageous to your
Company and that the teachers sent
will Maintain pleasant Relations with
your traders in their neighborhood.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson,
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 19 6

Prof Geo B. Johnston
Killisnoo. Alaska

Dear Sir

I finds in Consulting my record that the following School supplies were left in Storage at Killisnoo by Mr Salomon Kipinsky.

10 Double School desks (Knock down)
1 Black Board
1 Wooden pail & 1 tin cup
1 Appletons Primary Reading Chart
1 Map of the United States
1 Record Book (When you have an opportunity Return this Record to Prof Kelly Sitka as I have sent you one by mail)
1 School Room Guide
1 doz Slates
2 " Slate Pencils
4 Spellers

4 Black board Erasers
4 Primary Arithmetics
2 2nd Readers
2 Small Primers
3 boxes Chalk Crayons
1 Can Coal oil
2 Bottles ink
1 Chair
7 ℔ Candles
1 Clock
2 Brooms
2 Lantern globes
1 Lantern
1 Lamp
1 Bunch Lamp wicks

You will please take Charge of the above as the Killiosnoo School property.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 19th 6

Hon J.D.C. Atkins
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir

In reply to yours (Educational 30810—1885) I have the honor to write that the Commissioner of Education has for some months past been corresponding with reference to the establishment of schools in the interior, as well as on the Coast of Alaska. And that he has made arrangements with the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States to open a School at Fort Yukon, in the region referred to by Archdeacon McDonald.

Enclosed please find his letter

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Private

Washington D.C.
Jan 20th 6

Gov Perkins

Dear Sir

I have marked this letter private, as I do not care to have it placed on file in your office or go into the hands of your clerks.

As in some way, such letters seem to reach the hands of Capt Carroll of the Steamer Idaho and he wreaks his vengeance afterwards on whoever complains of his abuse of power.

Again and again I have heard him boast, When some one has threatened to enter complaint at your office, that it would do them no good, as your firm would hand the letter over to him & he would make it hot for them.

Presuming you would like to go know what is being done by your

agents I write this to you in Confidence as I have been assured by parties, who know you that you are an honorable man.

That Smuggled opium should have been found on your Steamer is not at all surprising to those of us, who have been in Alaska some time. as it is the general belief of that Country that Capt Carroll has practically the Monopoly of Smuggling liquor to S.E. Alaska & has been at it for a long time The only wonder is that your vessel was not seized long ago, as official representations were made to the Secretary of the Treasury by a Govt Officer Nearly a year ago on the subject.

I think your Directors & Agency can not but help feel, that in Spite of all his protestations to the Contrary that the Capt was the leader in this Smuggling If not, then

it is a reflection on his fairness for the position, that this could be carried on without his knowledge -

But aside from the above, he has taken every occasion to prejudice tourists & others against the Colorado in that section. He has carried this on to such an extent, that nearly every traveler that has been sent by the Gov't or by the Mission Road ~~was~~ on your vessel during the past year, has felt insulted by him. And some of them have felt that they would rather return on Brodie's schooner than travel with Capt Carroll.

On one trip last summer, the waiters in the Cabin were swearing to that extent, that a tourist complained to the Capt in behalf of the ladies tourists. On my trip down in October, John one of the waiters swore at me two different times

because, ~~not~~ by direction of the purser & asked him to change my State room. During the Goddess at Sitka last summer, the Capt sent libelous despatches from Nanaimo to the Newspapers Concerning myself & others. Different business men in that Country, and a good many of them, have expressed their dissatisfaction with the Management of the Capt and their sense of injury at his dealing with them.

You may Consider this or not but I know of hundreds of dollars worth of freight your Steamer has lost on account of Capt Carroll's Course, & I have no doubt it runs into the thousands every year. More than that, it is preparing the way for Competition, which will cost you many thousands more, & which could be

Avoided, if you had a civil & obliging Officer. More than that feel to making an unenviable Reputation for your line.

~~Chief~~ Justice Miller of the Supreme Court never hesitates to denounce him in high official Circles, whenever the matter of a trip to Alaska is referred to in his presence —

Dr Bicknell, Ex President of the National Teachers Association of the United States & Editor & Proprietor of the leading Educational Journal of the Country frequently Characterizes him in unmeasured terms.

And I know of several other influential parties in as many different States, who have taken the Alaska trip and are educating the Country on the Character of the Man, in Charge of your Steamer who is using your Property, Just with

An eye to your interests, but to their own - All this is gradually creating a public sentiment that sooner or later will cost you the loss of many thousand dollars -

Your Agency has from time to time given me special passenger rates, and I felt it incumbent on me to let you know what is going on.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
O. D. Eaton

Jan 6 2 For Public School at
Fort Wrangell Alaska
3 Cords of wood @ $4. 12.00

$12.00

Twelve 00/100 Dollars
O. D. Eaton

Washington D.C.
Jan 22 6

Miss E. Patton

It gives me pleasure to write you that the honorable Commissioner of Education has this day decided to send you as teacher to Sitka Alaska And you will hear from him to that effect in a few days -

As I wrote you a few days ago you will need to start about the 15th of Feb.

Prof J. B. Johnston, who is now on his way to Alaska writes me that he received a special rate of $115.50 from St Paul to Sitka

Before you leave I will send you letter of instructions — Also letters of introduction to some railway men & others.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

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The Mission Industrial Training School at Sitka needs a competent woman to ~~go in~~ take charge of the kitchen & dining room & teach the native girls how to cook, bake, & ~~bake~~ keep house. She must not only have the physical strength & know how to do the work herself, but also have some aptness at teaching others how to do it.

Also a woman for the laundry. Also a matron. They should be members of some Presbyterian or Reformed Churches.

If you know any suitable persons please place them in communication with them.

Washington D.C.
Jan 22d 6

Rev Octavius Parker
Pastor St Mary's Episcopal Church
Eugene Oregon

Sir

Your communication of Jan 13th 1886 to the honorable Secretary of the Interior has been referred to this Office.

Please send me your age, Condition of health of yourself & wife, have you Children, (if so, ages) Also Teachers' Certificates or other Credentials of teaching Ability.

The Board of Missions of P.E. Ch wish to establish a School for us at Fort Yukon - north of the Arctic Circle - What would you think of that Station?

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent -

There are no vacancies in South Eastern Alaska

Washington D.C.
Jan 22 6

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.
New York N.Y.

Dear Sir

I send you copy of letter of Rev C. Parker which has reached this office. I know nothing about them Perhaps they are the people you are looking for to go to ~~Ats~~ Fort Yukon Alaska

Please look up their adaptation, health. good judgement, & teaching Ability

You will of course have future trouble & expense, in sifting thoroughly the qualifications & adaptation of the Candidates -

The Lord guide you in your Choice

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 22- 6

Miss Lyda McAvoy

Your Certificates are satisfactory to the Commissioner of Education & I herein return them to you —

Emily Yerrington
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Jan 22nd 6

Miss Elizabeth Patton
Cochranton Penn.a

Madam

The General Agent of Education in Alaska has laid before me your letter of Jan 13, 1886 requesting to be commissioned as teacher at Sitka Alaska; also your "teachers' Professional Certificat" signed by J. H. Sturdevant County Superintendent for Crawford Co Pa; the testimonial of the same; the Certificate of the School directors of the Borough of Cochranton Pa; the Certificate of health signed by H. C. Brittain M.D. and Certificate of—

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Character signed by Rev D. Duncan
Minister of the gospel at Cochrantun Pa.

These several papers being found
to be satisfactory, I take pleasure
in appointing you teacher at Sitka
in the place of Miss Kate A. Rankin
Resigned.

Your salary will be at the rate of
Eight hundred dollars per annum.

Dr Sheldon Jackson, General Agent
will send you necessary instructions

Very Truly yours

Commissioner

Washington D.C.
Jan 27th 6

Hon G. F. Edmunds
Chairman of Comtee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate

Dear Sir

According to your request I send you the following Memoranda Concerning
Ward Hale McAllister Jr
Appointed by President Arthur
U.S. District Judge for the Dist of Alaska
And Removed by President Cleveland.

Mr McAllister is a young man of about 30 years of age. On his Character he is what is popularly known as a "dude" and "a fast young man"

He habitually drinks and occasionally gets unduly under the influence of liquor. In a community largely made up of natives, and where it is very desir-

to promote the observance of the Sabbath he played Croquet on that day in public also engaged in hunting & fishing.

He claims to be a graduate of some law school, but in practice shows that he has but little acquaintance with the profession

In the year he sat on the Bench in Alaska, he showed great ignorance of law, lack of experience in legal forms, and want of good judgement in his decisions.

In the organic act Creating a Civil Government for Alaska, the laws of Oregon were extended over that Dist. "as far as applicable" The judging as to the applicability of the laws greatly added to the responsibility of the Court and demanded a judge of Mature Experience and unusual good judgement.

In all the Elements required Gov McAllister was tried and found wanting

His Court records are full of legal errors, his Court the laughing stock of the Community and his attempted administration of justice a farce.

In a contested claim as to the ownership of a ~~mine~~ gold mine (which when contested would be brought before his Court) he accepted ~~for this~~ from one of the parties for his good will a deed for an interest (I think one half of the mine) in the mine, thereby making himself a party in the matter. That deed is on record in Sitka

The late U.S. Dist Attorney Mr Corkett stated this in a conversation with U.S. Commissioner Brady, that the judge & himself had had interviews for devising ways & means of annoying and hindering the U.S. Gov't & of Education in his work. The judge agreeing to stand by the District Attorney in these things. In this statement Judge

Brady will make affidavit if necessary.

In the prosecution of these pleas the judge issued an injunction against the teachers of the School restraining them from doing any work on the School premises

At another time ignorant of the law that governed the cases, he Charged the Grand jury on a Certain Indictment ~~Contrary~~ to an unlawful Course and as a partisan.

He admitted Cases to the District Court, which should have been first heard in the Commissioner's Court.

Hearing that Rev Mr Austin of Sitka had preached from the parable of the "Unjust Judge & Importune Widow" (a Sermon on prayer) the U.S. Dist Attorney Hewkett says that the ~~Judge~~ Judge McAllister spent some time examining the Statutes to see if they could not have Mr Austin arrested

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for "Contempt of Court."

In a Habeas Corpus case, in which he took a native girl from her lawful guardian in School, and gave her into possession of a woman of bad character, he refused the mother a hearing in the case.

Since his removal he has placed for signature in the Saloons of Alaska, petitions for his return as Judge - friends write me that signing the petition secures a free drink

His removal was welcomed by Republicans & Democrats alike, irrespective of party.

His return to that Country as Judge would be a great blow to civilization, justice and humanity.

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 27th 6

Hon G. F. Edmunds
Chairman of Com^te on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate

Dear Sir

According to your request I send you the following note Concerning
Lafayette Dawson
U.S. District Judge of Alaska
Appointed by President Cleveland

I Knowing nothing of Mr Dawson other than the information in the letter of Congressman James which I inclose you

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 27th 6

Hon G. F. Edmunds
Chairman of Com^tee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate

Dear Sir

According to your request I send you the following Note Concerning

E. W. Haskett
Appointed by President Arthur
U.S. Attorney for Alaska
And removed by President Cleveland.

Mr Haskett was accidentally thrown from the Cars & Killed last fall.

As he is dead nothing is to be gained by a rehearsal of his Misdeeds in Alaska He was a disgrace to the position

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 27th 6

Hon G. F. Edmunds
Chairman of Comtee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate

Dear Sir

According to your request I send you the following Memoranda Concerning

M. D. Ball of Va
Appointed by Prest Cleveland as
U.S. District Attorney for Alaska
in place of E. M. Haskett Removed and
Since dead.

I have known Mr Ball for Seven years past and Consider him a good Appointment.

He is a fair lawyer, and an honest, industrious and Moral Man

1st He is an old resident of Alaska And well acquainted with the people

and their needs. He has his wife and four children with him and is fully identified with the Country and its interests

2nd He has already been endorsed by a Republican Senate. About the year 1878 he was appointed by President Hayes Collector of Customs at Sitka and confirmed by the Senate.

3rd He has been endorsed by the Citizens of Alaska irrespective of party. In 1882 When an effort was being made to secure a territorial government for Alaska with a delegate to Congress, at an election held in S.E. Alaska Mr Ball was elected as delegate to Congress by an overwhelming Majority

4th His predecessor, Mr Haskell is dead. So that Mr Ball is practically filling a vacancy in the Office.

I know that I voice the best public sentiment in Alaska when I write that Mr Ball's confirmation is greatly desired in Alaska

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson
U.S. General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 27th 6

Hon G. F. Edmunds
Chairman Com^tee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate.

Dear Sir

According to your request I send you the following note Concerning
M.C. Hillyer
U.S. Marshal for Alaska
Appointed by Pres^t Arthur
Removed by Pres^t Cleveland

Mr Hillyer at different times informed me that he accepted his office in order to be better able to look after private mining interests. This is a Key to his official Course.

He left his wife dying in California (She lingered several Months after he left her) while he

was accused of Cohabiting with Native Woman in Alaska

A gentleman from Boston, who has Married a native woman in Sitka, Assured me that he was falsely imprisoned, that the Marshal and Dist Attorn Might sleep with his wife, while he was locked up.

I heard of other Similar Cases. Previous to his removal the Marshal had lost the respect of decent people in Alaska

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 29 6

Dear Bro Willard

Yours of Jan 28th is received.

I may be obtuse, but I am not clear. You say the "Whole account is $171." Do you mean that, that is the sum I owe you for paying Phillips

Shall I send Check to you at Wilmington or New Castle —

When you have time please make me out an itemized account that I can show Mr Fortnes the Contractor so much paid Phillips at such & such dates & so much received from me at such & such dates.

A Month before you are to start back write Mr C.D. Eaton to make you out Cards to the various R.R. Passenger Agents for yourself & family

for reduced rates. You can attend to it When you are in New York -

After your family are located in New Castle you can visit New York by the Penn^a R.R. Stop off at Harrisburg & get the negatives from Prof. A. J. Davis Department of Public Instruction Harrisburg Pa. Then on your return from New York you can purchase a ticket from New York to Pittsburg through Washington, over the Baltimore & Ohio R.R. If you should do this, please let me know sometime in advance that I may be sure to be in Washington When you come.

I understand that there is a good deal of Missionary Spirit this winter in the Chicago Seminary. While at Wilmington, can you not go to Chicago & give the Students a talk on Alaska The Seminary is at 1060 W. Halsted St. I believe.

We want a Minister & wife

without fail at Juneau. Perhaps you can find a suitable one in the Graduating Class at Chicago. If you fail there, perhaps you can find a suitable one in Allegheny when you get East. Or perhaps in Western Pennsylvania you can find a good man already in the Ministry who will be willing to go to Juneau.

The Secretaries have authorized me to find a man for Juneau & I depend upon you. Will you try & find me?

The Hon James Sheakley of Greenville, Mercer Co. Pa. has been appointed Commissioner at Juneau in the place of Mr Slates. Mr Sheakley is an attendant on the Presbyterian Church & his wife an active working Member. They will be a great help to a Minister at Juneau.

When you come to Washington we will see the Secretary of the Navy

And see what can be done to have the Gunboat make trips to Haines

Now another thing, While in Western Penn^a will you look up a good layman — (trained teacher) & his wife, who will take the School at Haines. The Government will give him & his wife a joint salary of $1500. a year. I would suggest that you visit one or two of the County Superintendents in Western Pa — & ask them to recommend a superior teacher to you. Of course both the teacher & his wife should be Christian people, who will work in harmony with you If you can find such people they can take charge of the School, & then you can give yourself to preaching & visiting the Natives. If you find Anyone, please place them in communication with me

If you prefer you can place a m

trained minister in that position ~~I think~~ if he has a kill in teaching. I think however it will be much easier to find trained laymen to do that work. If you will find a suitable minister for Juneau, and a suitable teacher for Haines, your coming east will be of profit to the cause as well as yourself

Please write me, how this impresses you & if you will attempt it.

Perhaps we can arrange to return to Alaska together

Can you explain what is behind this? On the 3rd of Jan. Dr Lindsley telegraphs Drs Kendall & Roberts at the expense of the Board

"Scrutinize our Alaska Affairs Conciliate Sec Lamar, Interview Senator Dolph"

Dr Kendall sends the telegram to me, with the following letter

"What does the enclosed mean? Letter from Alaska this A M seem to indicate that all is well. Perhaps you know something. If not perhaps Mr Dolph can tell you What ails Lamar that he needs Conciliation. See if you can tell" H Kendall

Kind regards to family

Your Brother Christian

Sheldon Jackson

I expect to spend Sabbath Feb 7th at Brookville, Pa. will probably visit Allegheny Penn on Monday the 8th

Washington D.C.
Jan 30 6

Miss Elizabeth Patton

Yours of Jan 28th is received. In reply to your questions

1st The School year is 40 weeks.

2nd I think you can secure the same rates as Mr Johnston.

3rd Probably a special rate can be secured when you get ready to return

4th The Ship leaves Port Townsend Washington Terr About the 3rd of each Month & Portland about the 1st.

As there is considerable irregularity ~~I can~~ in Starting I can not be more definite. Write Mr Charles S. Fee General Passenger Agent. Northern Pacific R.R. St Paul Minnesota to ascertain & write you when the March Steamer will leave Port Townsend for Alaska

It may be March 3rd or March 5th

At this season of the year there is a possibility of some detention by Snow Blockades and you will need allow two or three days. Else you might lose the Steamer & be compelled to wait a month on the Pacific coast. By Crossing from Portland to Tacoma by R.R. & from thence to Port Townsend by Sound Steamer, you escape the Sea Sickness from Portland to ~~Astoria~~ Port Townsend.

5th Teachers are not allowed to purchase School Supplies at Government Expense without an express order from the Commissioner of Education. Of course they can purchase anything they [illegible] at their own Expense However make out a list of things you would like & send them to me & I will see if I can get an order for them.

6 The ages of the pupils are from 5 to 60 years.

I believe that answers all your questions, except the precise time of

Sailing a Steamer & what you must find out from Mr Chas L. Fee. G.P. Agent
If you are in Chicago, visit their Office
Under the Sherman House —
I Mail you some pamphlets
Wishing you all success I
Remain very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

Washington D.C.
Jan 30th 6

Dear Bro Boyd -

Yours of yesterday received. We are not sure what form will be adopted for Certificates and will send to Gen Eaton in Chic.

I hope to be able to let you know definitely what you are to do, by the middle or last of next week -

Write Bro McFarland that they must make out a report of attendance in duplicate every month. Giving the whole number enrolled for the month the No of Boys, No of girls, No of adults. Average attendance for the month & number of days in which School is kept. These reports whenever they have an opportunity of sending out their Mail are to be sent to me till a/c Bureau of Education at Washington

at Sitka, as they may know me to be. After things get running the reception of these reports will be a necessary condition for you to receive your pay.

You will please write him very explicitly about it.

Also impress upon them that during fall, winter & Spring the School is to be Kept regularly 5 days in the week - just as regularly as if they were employed in a city graded School -

That during the Migration of the people in the Summer, they can hold temporary Schools at the fishing Camps as they have opportunity. The Number of days that such Schools are Kept each Month to be Reported, just the same as the School days in Winter.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

Dr. Wm. H. Gardiner, Acting Commissioner

Feb'y 1st 6 For Services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a salary of $1200.00 per annum for the Months of

November 1885	97.80
December "	101.10
January 1886	103.30

July 13th 1885. For freight on twenty double School desks from Sitka to Haines Alaska 250 Miles in a canoe 37.50

339.70

Paid Feb'y 27

Feb'y 6

Three hundred & thirty nine 70/100

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 2 6

Hon Eaton
Commissioner

Dear Sir

Last evening in a call on Mr Johnson Lords Solicitor General, the conversation turned on Dr Ruffner & the Commissionership of Education.

He learns that Mr Lords had urged Dr Ruffner's appointment, but that latterly the matter of appointing any one had been dropped, as Mr Lamar intimated that legislation would be asked making changes, if not reorganization of the Bureau

As soon as you can, please write the letter transmitting my report, that we may get as much as possible done before any serious changes take place

Mr Gardiner Child still lingers

but her death is expected any hour.

Mrs Reigart is back again in the Office.

Mrs Commodore Bel Knap (Sup't of Naval Observatory) has invited me to address a company in her parlors on Alaska

A large number of paper bound volumes ~~have~~ written in the Mexican language have just come. Could not some of them be sent to advantage ~~them~~ to the Ministers at work among the Mexicans of New Mexico?

Kind regards to your household

Yrly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska

Sal Kipinsky

Nov 5 4 For Salary as teacher
of the U.S. Public School
at Unalaska. Alaska
@ $100 per month

October	100.00
Nov 1-3	9.78

$109.78

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One hundred and nine 78/100

Sal Kipinsky

Washington D.C.
Feb 2 6

Hon John Eaton
Commissioner of Education
Dear Sir

I have just received a letter from the Alaska Commercial Co, (a copy of which I inclose you).

I will have letters, supplies & pay ready to go to Mr S. Ripinsky at Unalaska by the first boat (March 15)

Shall I make an effort to secure a teacher for Kadiak & send up by that vessel? I think I can find a suitable person, if you think best to commence there as soon as possible.

In the uncertainties of the Office I am disposed to have as much as possible under way.

Mr Gardiner's Child is dead

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson

(Copy.)

Alaska
Commercial Company,
310, Sansome St.

P. O. Box 2329.

San Francisco,

January 25, 1886.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Gen. Agt. of Education in Alaska.

Bureau of Education,

Dept. of Interior.

Washington, D. C.

Dr. Sir:

In answer to yours of the 19th inst. we beg leave to state that our first vessels for Unalaska and Kodiak will leave here on or about the 15th day of March. The Str. St Paul which leaves here about May 20th next, makes connection for St Michael and Fort Yukon. We will be happy to take up what teachers you may have to send to any of these places and arrange to furnish them necessary supplies at the lowest possible figures, payments to be made here. We will, with pleasure, assist you all we can in the establishment and maintenance of schools in Alaska, and shall do all in our power to induce friendly relations between the people and any one sent there for that purpose.

Yours!

Washington D.C.
Feb 2nd 6

To
Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansom St San Francisco

Dear Sir

Your letter of Jan 26th is received with thanks and we will send in time Mail for Unalaska before March 15th

Of Course I understand that your vessels do not run on schedule time, but are guided in their movements by the interests of your business - but if convenient to you, I would like to know in a general way at about what point the vessel leaving about March 15th will call at, & about what time return to San Francisco -; Also the same concerning the Movements of the St Paul leaving about May 1st

If at any time you wish any

(over)

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Information given this Office to be
private, please indicate it.

Very Truly Yours

D. Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
Feb 4 6

Prof A. J. Davis

I mail you to-day a copy of the Report of the Superintendent of Indian Schools.

On page 51 you will notice the marked lines

The whole matter will probably come before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Judge McAllister & Underland has put in a large mass of matter including several affidavits of Indians & perhaps others. And we ought to have our side represented —

Please therefore at your earliest convenience, go before a lawyer and make out an affidavit. Have it duly witnessed before a notary public & then forward to me. Also send me bill

for any expense you may incur -
I would like you to include in your affidavit -

1st That you were denied a hearing by Judge McAlister in the Habeas Corpus case -

2nd That you have every reason to believe that the girl was turned over to a woman with a bad reputation

3rd That the result of Judge McAlister's ruling was to take a large number of children out of the School of which you was Supt and a number of the larger girls thus set-free went in prostitution.

4th That you believe some of the officials did use their influence against the Industrial School at Sitka

5th that you were acquainted with much that Sheldon Jackson did & that you failed to see any "disregard of the lawful rights of parents & citizens"

Also any other facts that may

occur to you that has a bearing on the Sitka troubles.

They are using these troubles to make Capital for the Ex Officials

Please make your affidavit as full & as explicit as you can.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C. Feb 4th 1

Walter B. Sluter Esq
New York. N.Y.

Dear Friend

Ex Judge McAllister & his father are making so many assertions & placing so many papers into the Departments against me that it becomes expedient for me also to procure some affidavits.

I wish you would please go to some lawyer or Justice of the peace & make out an affidavit embracing the following Matters

1st That you were a resident of Sitka last winter & a Clerk for U.S. Commissioner J.G. Brady -

2nd That you were acquainted with the transaction by which Lieut Mc Cumber forced Deserters to re-

ferred a portion of a Mine, (the title of which was in dispute) to Judge McAllister & that you copied the deed.

3rd That being in a Mine, you heard much of what was transpiring & that you know several of the officials were unfriendly to the Mission & were trying to embarrass its operations &c &c

4th Have the Affidavit acknowledged & sworn to before a Justice of the Peace or Notary public & forwarded to me, with bill for expenses & I will remit to you.

5th If you ever saw McAllister drink any include that in your Affidavit.

Mrs J & I have not yet got over to New York, but will get over before we return west —

Kind regards to Mrs Styles & to your father & family

Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 4th 6

Miss Elizabeth Patton
Cochranton Pa

Madam

Upon arriving at Sitka Alaska you will take Charge of the Native School now in Charge of Miss Rankin resigned

You will teach five days in the wrk, legal holidays excepted

The daily hours of instruction are from 9 to 12 O'Clock a.m. and 1 to 4 P.M. with 15 Minutes intermission each, Morning & Afternoon

You will Keep an accurate account of daily attendance in the Record Book, which Miss Rankin will turn over to you

You will enter upon the Annual Register in said book the name of each

new pupil that enters school and fill it up as far as possible the several Columns

At the close of each month you will mail a report in duplicate (See form 3 of Record Book) in which you will give the Number of days of school. Total attendance. Number of boys - of girls - of adults Average attendance for the month.

You will take Charge of all the School property, such as desks, Stove, lamps slates, Crayons, books &c. &c. and at the end of each term account for the same

Together with Miss Rankin you will Make an inventory of all property books &c turned over to you & give Miss Rankin a receipt for the same in duplicate. One of these receipts remains the property of Miss Rankin, the other is to be Mailed to me.

All property turned over to you will be Charged to you, until accounted for at the end of your service

Pupils are not to be allowed to

take books, Slates, pencils &c out of the School room. If they purchase at the Stores, books, Slates &c of their own, you will have them so marked that they can be distinguished from the Government property.

For wood, coal, oil, & other needed supplies you will call on Prof Wm a. Kelly, Who is my local agent.

If any Slates ah broken, or books torn in pieces, do not destroy them but lock them up until they are inspected & thus accounted for, else they will be Charged against your Salary.

For additional books &c write me.

Write me freely of your wants, encouragements & discouragements Also any suggestions towards increasing the efficiency & usefulness of the School

The following is a list of things that have been furnished the School

(over)

1 Boy Sewing Material
1 Le Prang's Trades (Pictures)
1 Hewett's Pedagogy
1 Northend's Teachers Aid-
1 Sewing Illustrated
2 Sets Carving tools
1 Wilson's Complete School Charts
1 6 inch Globe
1 Coal Stove
1 Zinc
15 Joints Russia Iron pipe
3 - " " Elbows
1 pr Shovel & tongs
3 Black Board Erasers
1 Large Hand Bell
1 Call Bell
1 Appleton's Primary Reading Charts
1 Chair
1 doz Primary Geographies
1/2 " Child's Histories
1 " Language Books
1 " First Readers
1 " 2nd "

1 Orcutt's School Keeping
1 Payne's Theory & Practice of Teaching
1 Payne's Lectures on Science & Art of Education
1 Annual Report of Bureau of Education 1882-3
1 Map of Alaska
1 Camp's Outline Maps
1 Map of South America
2 Boxes Slate pencils
4 doz Slates
2 Sets of inks
6 Boxes Crayons
1 Case Kerosene oil
1 Clock
1 Coal Bucket-
1/2 doz Bracket Lamps
1 Desk Lamp
1 Numeral Frame
1 Gallon can (oil)
6 Doz Lead Pencils
1 Box Steel pens
2 doz Pen Holders
4 " Tablets
1/4 Ream Letter Paper

1 doz Cheap Rulers
Blackboards.

Double desks
Recitation Seats

I enclose you a letter of introduction to Mr Wm Wadhams, a Christian Merchant at Portland, who will furnish you any needed assistance at Portland

Rev Dr Atkinson is our purchasing Agent, in case the Commissioner shall order further supplies for your School.

Rev John Reid at Port Townsend (a Presbyterian Minister) will render you any assistance needed at that point.

As you go up, do not be discouraged at any mean things you may hear on the Steamer, as the Officers are unfriendly to the School work & teachers

At Fort Wrangle you will have time to make the acquaintance of Miss McAvoy teacher at that point — Miss Marion Murphy (Roman Catholic) teacher at Juneau, & Geo B. Johnston teacher at Killisnoo.

If you have an opportunity look into their Schools & send me your impressions.

Take plenty of woolen underclothing with you. Also rubber boots, gossamer Umbrella &c

Wishing you a very pleasant journey & a pleasant School
I Remain Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 6th 1

Messrs Thomas & Nelson
Denver Col

Sirs

Yours of Feb 1st is received
& am in no hurry to sell the lots. and
can afford to wait until times are better.

However if any one will give me
$10,000 — $5000 in cash & the ballance
on note running five years or less in
annual payments secured by trust deed
or Mortgage, they can have them.

All cash at the time of purchase is
no special object to me —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 6th 6

Alaska Commercial Co
San Francisco

Sirs

Yesterday this Bureau mailed to you a post-office bag full of reports for the teachers & traders in Alaska. A portion of them were addressed to individuals. Others were simply addressed to Traders at ____ leaving the blank for you to fill out.

Please send them to such of your employees in Alaska, as you think would like some more reading.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 9th 6

L. H. Cramer Esq
Business Manager
Frank Leslie's Pub'l House

Dear Sir

The honorable Commissioner of Education desires me to return to Mrs Leslie through you the thanks of this Bureau for the offer of Alaska plates made in your letter of Feb 8th.

Due credit will be given for them in the report.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

P.S.
The places we would like to illustrate are Ft Yukon. St Michaels, St Paul Village, Unalaska Belkofsky. Unga Ft Kadiak — at all of which places we expect to locate Government Schools. Perhaps you can help us to an illustration of one or more of these places in addition to St Paul Island.

Memorial Letter

Washington D.C.
Feb 9th 6

To the
Presbyterian Church
Rochester Minnesota

Dear Friends

It would give me great pleasure to send you a letter full of reminiscences of the past - and together review the way in which God has led you through a quarter of a century, but unfortunately for my part of the work all my memoranda of those early days are boxed up and hundreds of miles away.

The impressions left upon the memory after this lapse of time & the very busy life that has intervened are too general and vague to be of much service.

I remember however that my first visit to Rochester was on a preaching

tour Made by Elder William R Mercer
(Now an ordained Minister living at
Humboldt Texas) and Myself in a
Cutter from La Crescent.

In that trip I preached 8 times in
Houston. Fillmore. Mower. Freeborn.
Steele. Dodge. Olmsted & Winona Counties

It was a very stormy trip. Many
times we had to shovel the Snow out of the
snow banks and frequently turn aside
to a blacksmiths for the Repair of our
broken Sleigh. As I now look
back upon that trip I wonder we did
not perish on the then almost trackless
prairies between the Minnesota frontier set-
tlements.

I preached at Rochester on my return
West & upon our return two weeks later
organized the Church with Rev J.C. Cald-
well who had in the mean time come
down from Stillwater.

I remember to, that my interest
in the new organization was so great

that without Compensation I agreed to preach for ~~them~~ it two weeks until a Minister could be found. At that time there was a Stage line from La Crosse Wis through Rochester to St Paul. When the roads admitted I came across the Country with my own horse, but when the frost was coming out of the ground I took the stage and some of those trips hang in the dim memory of the past like a night mare. There are those still living in Rochester, who remember what that trip was.

However whether the roads were obliterated by the driving snow or bottomless with mud the appointments were kept until Mr Taylor I believe it was took the Church for a short time - then Mr Ainslie.

I also remember with some distinctness the struggle I had during the summer of 1864 in raising the

through the East - from $5000 to $6000
towards the erection of the Church.
And then when I returned, I had
another struggle to get the Church
up. The lumber had to come
from the river - the railway was
not completed to ~~Reading~~ Rochester
By special permission the lumber
cars were pushed forward to the end
of the tract & then unloaded on the
Prarie. I think first last I had
my hands on every stick of timber
that entered into the construction of
the Church.

The parsonage adjoining the Church to the Congregation was practically a gift of Myself and one or two personal friends

But those days of toil & hardship were happy days, for they were days of God's Light Hand, days when many were convicted of sin & found peace in the Cleansing Blood of the Savior Those were days of rapid progress in

both Material & Spiritual things.

I am sorry that I can not send you a more Satisfactory letter. - But more that I cannot be present at your Reunion

You have My Congratulations for the past & best Wishes & prayers for the future.

May you more & more be known as a Spiritual, United, Working Church - the Spiritual birth place of innumerable Souls -

Ever your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Private

Washington D.C.
Feb 10th 6

Rev H.L. Morehouse D.D.

Dear Sir

There is a vessel leaves San Francisco for Kadiak on the 15th of March. Can you find me a good School teacher to send out to that place at that time I would like him to have first Class teacher's Certificates — to be a married man & take his wife with him — to be a Christian and a Baptist. The Government will furnish him with a School house, furniture, School books & other necessary appliances. And a salary of $1500.

The teacher will defray his own expenses, procure & furnish his private residence. He will have no difficulty in renting a house at low rate at that place.

As you see, the Government assumes the whole expense of the School, without reference to your Board, but by sending in a Baptist teacher, the field will be kept open for you, & the way made easier when you get ready to act in the matter. I think you will see the point.

You may know several prominent Educators, who are Baptists, who can assist you in finding the right man

I know of two -

Gen T. J. Morgan. Prin of State Normal School of Rhode Island at "Providence R. I"

Prof E. C. Hewitt. Prin of Normal School of Illinois at "Normal Ill"

Rev Alvah Hovey D.D. Newton Centre Mass.

These men are all Baptists & ought to be able to place their hand on a suitable man at once.

You can write to them as I can not. When you find a suitable man who will go. Have him send his certificates & credentials to me & he will be appointed

by the Government. If it prove impossible to find a man to leave on so short notice, then there is another vessel sails about May 10th but does not go direct to Kadiak.

The Government of Course as such only care for a Competent teacher, you & I know that a Competent teacher for that fields needs, a Consecrated heart as well as trained mind.

Drop me a postal on the reception of this, that I may know you are in the City, & then let me know as soon as you find a man —

I am sorry the time is so short but the Lord may guide you without delay —

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 10th 6

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Ed

Dear Sir

Your note with Reference to the publication of Annual Report of Alaska Schools is at hand & I will See Lieut Blair on the subject.

Also your note Concerning teacher for Kadiak. Will try to have one ready for the steamer.

We sent you last week a form of Certification for Dr Roberts of New York to make, in order to procure pay for the Hoonah Contract School. Does it meet your approval? If so please return it to us.

Also I wrote for permission to have 30 Copies of Petroff & Elliotts Monographs on Alaska bound in

Cloth for the teacher's libraries in Alaska With their present paper covers. They would not last long.

What do you say as to the expediency of my going to Western Alaska from San Francisco in the Alaska Commercial Co Steamer May 10th. They go to Unalaska, Ft Alexander (Nushegak River), Mouth of Kuskokwim River, Seal Islands & St Michael. They will probably take to St Michael to connect with the small steamer on the Yukon River the Episcopal Missionaries for Ft Yukon, the Moravian teacher for Ft Alexander & perhaps Government teachers for Unga & B & Koggiung

Then if the opportunity offered to switch over to Kadiak & Sitka do so.

Or I could return to San Francisco & go up to South Eastern Alaska in August By which time the Bureau will know what money it will have for the ensuing year.

I think one of the providences

in connection with the delay in appointing your successor, is that you may plan the work for next Summer in Alaska.

Certainly it is now time to commence the arrangement of the Summer campaign

Please give this thought, and let me know how it impresses you.

This is of course on the supposition that I will not be removed -

It is reported that the New Governor has recommended my removal on the ground of unpopularity - And gives as an argument that the Public Schools did not fill up until I left the country. He ignores the fact that all Schools in that Country will be much larger about the holidays, when the people all gather in from their Summer wanderings for their feasting & Winter Sports. And consequently there are many more Children within reach

the Schools in Mid winter
We Miss you here every day & very Much.
I hope you are gathering Strength in your new home.
Kind regards to family
I have been confined to the House two days with a severe cold —
Truly Yours
Weldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 11 6

Mrs Frank Leslie
New York

Madam

Your Kind Offer of an electrotype plate of St Michaels and King's Island is received for Report on Schools in Alaska is received with thanks

In doing up the plate, please have the Clerk place a piece of hard-board over the face of the block

Ship by express to Hon John Eaton U.S. Commissioner of Education. Washington D.C.

The two plates you Kindly ordered on the 8th came safely to-day

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent.

ton D.C.
Feb 12th 1

T. F. Davis Esq

Yours of yesterday concerning Prof Sayman is received I think Mr Kelly is doing well at Sitka. Would Mr Sayman do better? I hope he will meet me at Brookville

Mr Johnston of Portland (enroute) writes that he has received a letter from Mr H. A. Cooper of Clarion Pa Concerning school in Alaska. If you know him to be a good man, have a talk with him & let me know the result.

Your article in the News has done good service

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

~~March~~ Feb 16. 1880

Rev Joshua Kimber

Sec of P.E. Miss Soc

Dear Brother

I enclose you herewith the teachers Certificate of Rev Mr Parker and the Physicians Certificate of both himself and wife.

Since writing you I have had a full talk with Prof Wm H. Dall of the Smithsonian Concerning the Yukon River School.

He suggests that the best place for the first School is at Nulato for three Among other reasons.

1st It is 500 miles nearer supplies Vessels can more cheaply & Easily reach Nulato, than Fort Yukon 500 Miles further up the river

2 Nulato is the Centre of two Indian

to three times as large a population.
Around Nulato there is always a population. In Summer Ft Yukon is abandoned. The Children from Ft Yukon can more readily be taken down to Nulato, than those of Nulato up to Ft Yukon. And if Children are taken into a home School, it will be much cheaper to maintain them at Nulato than at Ft Yukon.

On account of the greater population in the Neighborhood of Nulato and consequently the larger number of Children to be reached, we would prefer to have you locate the School lower down the River.

There are other reasons that might be given when I see you, the above however seem to be efficient. Let me know how it impresses you —

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 16th 6

Rev Octavius Parker
Eugene City Oregon

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb 2nd reached me this morning & I immediately forwarded the Supt's Certificate & Physician's Certificates to Rev Joshua Kinney Associate Secretary of the Missionary Soc of the Prot Episcopal Church.

This Bureau has placed in their hands the selection of a teacher for the Yukon region Hereafter please correspond directly with them.

The steamer that the teacher will Head Lake, leaves San Francisco about May 10th so that there is not much time to lose The Lord direct in so important a movement. Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 16th 6

Dear Bro Wadhams

I did not send Mr Kelly any Clocks for his School. Those sent were for the two Government day Schools at Sitka

Please send him by next Steamer some grass seed - (sufficient for two acres) You will know best what kind to send -

You can send the bill for seed sent to me - but let the School pay the freight - (or the Board)

Matters move slowly here

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 16th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
Boston

Dear Lister.

If you will find me a Methodist Man (Married) who is a superior teacher & who is willing to go to Unalashka and teach the Government School. I will have him appointed at a Salary of $1500.

Then you Methodist Ladies can raise $1000 if you can to help pay their expenses of removal & the fitting up of a house for them, when they get there.

As Unalashka is the Centre of a large region, you can extend your work from there, as it grows.

The teacher's wife at Unalashka can learn bible Reader for you. if she

has the requisite gifts. & visit the women in their homes & teach them improved methods of house keeping Sewing - Cooking &c. There is no end to the useful things she can do as far as her physical strength will permit.

They will need to sail from San Francisco about the tenth of May. So that there is no time to lose.

You want a man of piety, strong common sense, cheerful disposition, a winning way with strangers, and aptness to teach.

The Government will require faithful work in School hours. Outside of the School room he is largely his own Master.

Let me know if I can depend on you to find me a man.

You see I am giving you a grand opportunity to commence your Alaska work with a good

left from the Government.

When you find a man, send me his teachers Certificates, testimonials &c from his Minister & others, Also certificate from physician as to health.

As New England is the home of teachers I hope you will have no difficulty in finding a suitable one.

It is the policy of the Government to send only good teachers to Alaska (rather better than the average) And of course the Methodists will feel a pride in having their denomination represented by as good a teacher as can be found.

There are Educational Agencies in Boston that may be able to help you.

In the Spring if you desire to get up a rousing Meeting among the Methodists of Boston to help awaken a sympathy & raise funds, I will come over & give you an address -

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 18th 6

Mr L. W. Cramer
Business Manager
Frank Leslie's Pub House

Dear Sir

On the 11th I received a letter from Mr Frank Leslie per H dated Feb 11th Kindly offering the U. S. Bureau of Education an electrotype plate of Skillicorn & King's Soluble Glass Ad. I replied the same day accepting it & asking her to Kindly send the plate by express to the U.S. Commissioner of Education. Washington D.C.

Having heard nothing from it, I fear that in some way the letter may not have been received at your office

If not please have a clerk post the Electrotype & forward it to us by express

at our expense.

The plates of St Paul Island and of Unalashka were safely received

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Washington D.C.
Feb 19 6.

Dear Bro Kelly

I did not send you any Clocks. The one or two received at Sitka were for the Government Schools, (Miss Powell's & Miss Rankin's)

Acting on your advice that Miss Rankin only wanted her school three Months I have sent Miss Elizabeth Fulton to take her place -

If Miss Rankin is now better & does not care to return at once to the States. had you not better place her for the time being in the School room at the Home, until you receive more help.

The Womans Executive Com^{tee} Prof Davis & myself are back looking for suitable Young Ladies to send you but it is doubtful whether any com

for the April or May Steamer.

I spent last Sabbath at Brookville Kan ~~Sup~~ Supt Meeker, Miss Anthony, Mr Steele and others.

Miss Anthony is very undecided Mr Steele is unmarried - If he had a wife I would gladly send him and Mary do it anyway! If I do, it will be over to the Aleutian Islands -

Prof Davis was to lecture in Clarion last Monday night.

Are you corresponding with any one for Carpenter, if Mr Heaton leaves you in the Spring? If Mrs Heaton gives fair Satisfaction, You had better increase her salary to $500 rather than lose her.

I will send ~~him~~ you a copy of the report of the Supt of Indian Schools You will see his original report of the Sitka matters. I will write the same to Mr Austin to make sure that one of you receives the

Message)

The Departments here have been flooded with the petitions & Misrepresentations of the men who would break up our Schools & scarcely a voice has been raised on the other side.

Now if it meets with your Approval it will be well for you or Mr Austin to write each one of the teachers & ask them, if they are Satisfied with my work & desire me Continued, to Sit down & write a letter on the Subject. Send & Mail it to

"The U.S. Commissioner of Education
Washington D.C."

This ought to be attended to as soon as possible. The teachers are

Leo B. Johnston. Killisnoo. Alaska
Miss Marion B. Murphy. Juneau "
Miss Lyda McAvoy. Fort Wrangell."
Miss Clara A Gould. Jackson "
And those at Sitka.

(over)

2nd During the month (so as to send by next Steamer) I would like for you to write out a careful statement, that Girls, who were in the School during the Winter of 1884 & 5 and who left during the troubles caused by the Officials in the Spring of 1885, did go into prostitution, & that some of them besought you afterwards to take them back into the School, but that they were too diseased to make it prudent.

Further that during the Summer of 1885 you know that a portion of the Officials were hostile to the Schools & ~~Going~~ did what they could to annoy & hinder the work in

Further that you were well acquainted with my Management & that you never saw "any disregard of rights of parents & Citizens"

Make the paper as strong as the truth will bear & then go before Judge Brady & swear to it & have his seal

to it. I would like a similar paper from Mr Healow, Mr Austin, Mr Engin, and (if he is willing to give it) Mr Brady & any other parties who will make sworn statements as to the opposition of a portion of the Government officials

Get all the sworn statements you can & mail (registered) to me without fail by next steamer. This is not only important to me, but also to those of you who are connected with Sitka School -

Kosenko's American name is Frederick L. Moore (instead of Morse.) Please make the correction on the books of the school.

Please reply to Miss Gilbert's letter Keep writing to the Board at New York for Open & such other things as you need & keep me informed what you write for, so that I can add my pressure to yours -

P.S.

I have sent you during the Month a Copy of Lieut Ray's Report of Expedition to Point Barrow Alaska & think some other books.

I wrote Mr Wadhams to send at his expense some grass seed for the School yard - You will O.K. the freight & let the Board pay it.

You had better have the seats all made & packed ready for Shipment according to previous order & send in your bill, that it may be adjusted at an early day -

If a Chance Steamer (Private or Government) should come along at any time, going to either Unga Kadiak, Belkoffsky, or Fort Alexander try & send seats & blackboards over for the schools at those points. Consign

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th 6

Rev E de Schweinitz D.D.

Dear Brother

It gives me great pleasure to forward you the agreement duly signed for a School on the Neuha-gak River

Keep me informed of your progress in securing suitable teacher

Kind regards to your family

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

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Dear Mr Hartline

The last of last Novem-
ber it was transferred to Washington
and affidavits are the order of the day.
What we know the appellees have been
sending in petitions from Alaska year after
year. They have made so many mis-
representations & have kept alive so per-
sistently that they seem to be the more
powerful in Alaska, that in the absence of
Grant & Sheldon who by the bye (we have
been so long selected that I have written in the
singular, that I have little effect have been sent
to the Penitentiary) that I have very much
reason inclined to think that the U S
& the other leaders have been very [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Which I submit to Mr Kell[illegible] for
him to take out the time that is used in
during this present month by the said
Teams & Drivers on the appointment pa[illegible]
& have them submitted & acknowledged
by the Mr Board.

Have the Statements as far as possible
over the following Charges. If any in-
dividual Can not Swear to all of them
let him Swear to such of them as he
is willing

1st That Haskett the Ex Ust. District
Attorney was a drunkard & used his
Official influence to injure the Schools.

2nd That Judge McAllister was a
drinker and by his official actions
showed himself unfriendly to the
Schools

3rd That through the rulings of
Judge McAllister a large number
of Children were taken out of the train-
ing School in the Spring of 1885
and as a consequence a number

the larger girls went into prostitution at a Mining Camp & Elsewhere.

4th That with the exception of Mr Lewis Clerk of the Court & Mr Brady Commissioner, it was understood that the ballance of the Government Officials at Sitka were opposed to Dr Jackson & the Schools. And in various ways did what they could to injure them.

5th That Dr Jackson was not Arbitrary in his dealing with the Natives Neither did he disregard the Rights of Citizens

You & get affidavits from Yourself Mr Kelly, Mr Healon, Mr Cragin, Mr Brady, Mr Rowe, Travers, And any others you think will respond favorably

Also get affidavits from our Christian & such other ~~Indian~~ Natives as will be willing to make their Mark before Judge Brady. First talk to them tell them what you want, find out how much they know & are willing

to swear to, Then you can write it out for them, take them to Judge Brady & let him swear them. If they can testify to any particular cases of the girls that left the school going into sin it will be well to do it. The more you can get hold of the better.

Not only the Native Men, but have also some of the native women testify.

Then with Mr Kelly do them all up in one package & send to me at Washington by registered Mail.

Any expense you are at, please let me know. These affidavits are very important and it will be a good use of your time to give as much as may be needful in securing all you can.

I send you by this Mail a copy of Lieut Ray's Report. Will send you others next Mail. Mrs J. wrote me Mrs Austin this A.M. There is no talk of my removal here. Of course they may accomplish it, but I do not think they will.

3rd

All Matters here move very slowly.
I do not think Mrs McFarland will be
returned to Sitka. There is some talk
of her starting a Home at Jackson —

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th 86

Miss Clara Gould

I have received the monthly reports of Attendance &c of your School for November & December 1885 & January & Feb 1886. The January report may now be mailed - Please send me Copies of the report for November & December —

I send your brother this month by Registered Mail $70 in dimes.

Hope you are all working & School making progress —

Kind regards to the family

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent.

Washington
Feb 19th 6

Miss K. A. Rankin

Sitka. Alaska

Madam

Please write me if you have not already done it, where I shall have your Salary Check sent.

If your health has improved and you feel like remaining in Alaska a little longer, doubtless Mr Kelly will have a place for you again in the Training School.

Anything I can do for you, please let me know -

Mrs Jackson is here with me and would send love, if she knew I was writing.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th 6

Hon A. P. Swineford
Gov. Governor

I have not written you before, because every steamer I expected to see you in Washington.

By your not coming, I presume that the application of your friends did not meet with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

I am very sorry, for Alaska needs you here very much. There are a number of things that ought to be done, that will not be unless you can be here to attend to them in person.

Until Congress allows Alaska a delegate, it ought to be understood that the Governor of the Territory should spend every winter in Washington attending to necessary legislation.

There is very little prospect that the present Congress will do more than pass the usual appropriations. (for Alaska)

I have mailed you a copy of Lieut Ray's Report on Point Barrow Alaska Also a copy of the Estimates of the Sec of the Treasury.

Be kind you will see that the Secretary of the Interior has not asked the increased appropriation for Schools, which you recommended in your report. That is due largely to the remarks made concerning his unpopularity. They may deprive Alaska of $25000 for Schools this Coming year. They were not necessary to the completeness of your report, and had to do with a State of things that had passed away in the Coming of a fair Honorable set of Democratic Officers.

Some prominent Officials in the City here say it was a Mistake to mention it.

If you had such a man as Haskell to lie about you, and misrepresent your actions, you would be unpopular too. Every strong man & efficient man makes enemies. It is unfortunate but true and evidently you are no exception to the rule, as you seem to have made enemies, who are trying to revenge themselves by publishing your Confirmation

But the fact that you have enemies is no reason why you should not be appointed to office.

Then popularity or otherwise has very little to do with the efficiency of the Schools, as the Agent ~~does~~ practically has nothing to do with parents or pupils. But with the teachers. If the teachers are efficient in teaching & winning in their ways & are supplied as far as possible with the necessary books &c their Schools will be popular, & the general public

No valid reason to Complain.
And I think that all must admit-
that so far I have supplied the Schools
with excellent Teachers. They have in-
Convenient School rooms, but that
is something that I can not help,
until Congress will give us an appro-
priation large enough to erect a
few suitable School houses.

As you have already found out-
insufficient appropriations make
all departments of the Government go
slow in Alaska -

But with the Cooperation that
You & the other officials are now giving
me, I am sure that two or three years
will make a wonderful Change in
the Condition of the Alaska Schools.

I Commenced there Nine years
ago in Church work, Secured the
Congressional legislation, and appropriations that in-
corporated the public Schools and
it is my Ambition to see them on

a firm basis, after which I will gladly retire, as family reasons make it a very undesirable position for me -

I have spent much time in seeing the leading & influential Members of the Senate Com^tees who have in hand the Confirmation of the Alaska Officials and I think I have done some good work for all of you. I have warm personal friends of hers standing in the Com^tee on the Judiciary & also that of the Territories. As those Com^tees report, the Senate will act.

Your Confirmation is dependant on Senators Harrison & Conger They are both warm friends of Mine, and I have used all my influence with them in your favor. I have also reported to them from time to time the good reports that I receive from the teachers of your interest in both the Government & Training Schools.

I feel confident of your Confirmation

notwithstanding the opposition of your enemies. There may be some delay, as you will see by the papers that the Senate & President are gradually getting at loggerheads with Bellmother over the Appointments.

I have just concluded a Contract (sealed 3-day) with the Moravians for another School among the Eskimo of Berrings Sea

Mr Wm H. Grinland, who went last Spring to Bethel on the Kuskokwim River, is one of those mentioned in the enclosed slip as led to offer his services through his address

I think it was as early as 1881 or 82 that I commenced work with the Moravians to get them to enter the Alaska field so that I take a peculiar satisfaction in seeing them enter it so vigorously

If you have no copy of Prhoffs Census Report, let me know & I will send you one. I have not sent it, because I supposed you had one.

I still hope you may come on
here this season. If however you do
not, and there is any way in which I can
assist your plans, please let me know
and it will give me great pleasure to do
what I can

For whatever you may hear on
the subject, be assured that I am
true to the interests of yourself & Mssrs
Ball & Atkins & Dawson

Pardon this long letter

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th 6

Mrs Frank Leslie
New York

Madam

The Electrotype plate of St Michaels Alaska has come safely to hand.

Please accept the thanks of the Honorable Commissioner of Education

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th 6

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.
New York

Dear Sir

Your communication of yesterday is received.

Mr John A. King has also been in to see me -

I am glad you are authorized to sign the Contracts.

Permit me to suggest in reply to your question, that you have a Clerk carefully erase the words "at Fort Yukon" (They will be found in Article 1. of the Agreement.) And insert - "on the Yukon River" So that the Sentence will read somewhat as follows "the public School on the Yukon River for the benefit of such pupils &c &c"

This leaves you free to select any

place on the River, that shall upon further Consultation be Considered desirable

If Convenient please attend to this at once & have the Agreements Signed And returned here.

The Commissioner will be in his Office the first of Next Week & it is important that he should have them to Sign in behalf of the United States.

Since writing you we have been studying over location and Mr Dall who is familiar with that region and of whom I wrote you is inclined to recommend ~~a~~ Anvic a point still lower down the River than Mulato.

The precise point however can be left in abeyance until I come over to New York and we have an opportunity of Considering the Matter together. I am very Sorry to hear through Mr King that Rev C.S. Sims of the Church Missionary Society is dead.

Mch 4, 1869 Rec'd March 15 Mulato Yukon River

Washington D.C.
Feb 19th 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
Dear Lister

Yours of the 17th is received. In reply to your questions I would say get Mrs Willard's Book Also Mine if you choose - I enclose Circular -

Write to your Congressman to procure you from the Department of the Interior

a copy of Petroff's Census Report of Alaska
" " of Elliott's Seal Islands "

And from Gen Hazen's Signal Service Bureau a Copy of Lieut Ray's Report on the Point Barrow Expedition Alaska

1st Your Society would not be obligated to any expense by selecting Me a teacher. Whatever you Choose to do, will be optional with your

selves.

2nd The Govt pays a salary of $1500. but does not furnish house, rations or travelling expenses. The teacher is expected to get to his field & find a house to live in as best he can - The Govt pays no attention to that. The Govt furnishes & fits up the School room, but not teacher's residence.

I have offered the Baptists a teacher for Kadiak, on the same conditions But to encourage their teacher, they have agreed to pay the travelling expenses of the family from their Mission funds.

After the first year a teacher can lay up Money on ~~$75~~ $1500 a year or not - there / This answers also your 3rd & 4th questions.

5th The teacher is not responsible to any one on the ground, but to me as the Genl Agent of the Bureau of Education for that region

6th The Greek priest will

probably look upon the teacher with some suspicion.

That makes it all the more important that you select a man that will be wise enough to disarm prejudice & win the cooperation of the priest.

As I wrote you before, the School is Nonsectarian but on a religious basis.

If the teacher ~~however~~ & his wife have warm loving hearts for souls, they will find many ways of usefulness & doubtless win their way. When the resources of Western Alaska are developed, Unalaska will be the great Commercial port of the Country.

Write me freely with regard to the work -

Yours Bro in Christ -

Sheldon Jackson

Last Evening I addressed the Womans Home Mission Soc of Waugh (M.E.) Chapel of this City.

Washington D.C.
Feb 20th 6

Dear Sir Sir

Please allow Miss Patton to have such of the Kindergarten Material sent you for the Government Schools as she may need—

If Convenient please mail Mrs Lallenda a small piece of Yellow Cedar

Very truly Yours

Lucretia Jim[illegible]

Washington D.C.
Feb 20th 1

W. G. Sprague Esq
Denver Colorado

Dear Friend

Yours of Feb 13th & 15th are received.

I am glad you have secured a good tenant for the farm - Any time you have an opportunity of selling it at a fair price, please let me know

When you pay taxes on Denver lots, please mail me the receipt.

Please send a check for the interest money payable to my order - I have the Notes with me & can endorse on them. Can also send you Mrs Jackson's receipt in whose name they are made out -

Remember me kindly to your family

Yrs truly
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 20 6

Dear Bro Willard

Your telegram of this morning is just received. I will be in Washington all next week (Feb 22-27) and if you can come this way, Mrs J & I Myself will be very glad to see you.

We are boarding at 1025 - 9th St North West - I am at the Office (Bureau of Education) from 9 to 4.

Last Sabbath I was at Brookville Pa. and met two or three teachers who are talking of Alaska -

Among them was Prof S. A. Saxman Principal of the Presbyterial Academy at Corsica. Jefferson Co. Pa. He & his wife are Members of the Presbyterian Church & are highly recommended to me. I talked with him about going to Haines & taking charge of the Home

They have no Children. When he left
me his plan was to visit you at New
[illegible] about the Middle of March &
talk Matters over. If he is the right
Man, I will pay his Salary.

Have a full Conversation with him
for I want to furnish you a teacher that
you will find Congenial

If you have the opportunity, perhaps
you could visit Him & inspect his work.

If not, ~~write~~ perhaps you could meet
him at Allegheny. If not, then
open a Correspondence, & Make up mind
be sure & be Home when he visits Meadville.

On leaving Brookville, last Monday
I visited the Seminary at Allegheny
& had a talk with the Students.

I found in Memorial Hall, Room 32
a Senior, H. R. Johnson who has been
looking to Alaska ever since he Com-
menced Studying for the Ministry
He is now spoken of by Dr Robinson

He expects to be married when he leaves the Seminary. He did not promise me that he would go to Juneau, but I laid the case before him & think he will go. If he does not go, I have no one in view for that field. Have you found any one that will do?

If you ~~do~~ to Allegheny as I hope you will, call & see Mr Johnson. Go to his room & introduce yourself. He has Mrs Millard's book in his library

I think I wrote you that Hon James Shanklin of Greenville, Mercer Co, has been appointed Commissioner to Revise the Laws of this State. Mr Shanklin is a Member of the Presbyterian Church.

Let me know at once if I can hope to see you here next week.

I sent you last week Lieut Kay's Report on Point Barrow, Alaska, Care of Mr White. Hope you received it safely.

Kind Regards to family. Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 20 6

Y. M. Cowie Esq

Dear Sir

Your note is received
Did Mr Steele tell you that it was in search
of a Presbyterian teacher, who would take
a wife with him? Can you fill the
bill? If so send me your Certificates
testimonials &c and after investigation
them, will determine whether I can
do that you will not
need them, but we greatly
prefer Presbyterian ones —

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Clinton Ave

Washington D.C.
Feb 20th 6

Miss Reynolds

Yours is received.

There are so few places in Alaska where a Lady can live without a Indian that the Government is sending out but few unmarried Ladies, so that there is but little prospect of your being needed this season.

The situation I spoke to Mr Little about, was a Presbyterian Mission School at Sitka that is in search of three unmarried ladies, but they are required to be members of that Denomination.

I have placed your name on our list & if at any time there is a suitable opening for you, will write you

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 22nd

Mr Joseph Cook

Dear Brother

Knowing your interest in Education in Alaska, I make bold to trespass on your time and ask from you a personal letter to Senator Dawes (Mass)

He is on the sub Committee of the Senate Committee on appropriations that ~~appoints~~ determines the amount to be voted for Education in Alaska

They granted 2 years ago $25000, a sum wholly inadequate, Gen Eaton, the U.S. Commissioner has asked this year for $60.000 & we would like to bring some pressure to bear on the Committee.

Mr Dawes being Senator from Mass will be influenced by Boston opinion

If you should consider it wise to bring

it before your Magnificent Boston Audience and wish any more Ammunition, let me know & I will send it to you —

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Cook —

Thanking you again for all you have done in the past for Alaska

I remain very Truly
Your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Also
R. M. Jaquith
Boston

Washington D.C.
Feb 22 6

Hon J. M. Bicknell L.L.D

Dear Brother

Yours of Nov 17th went to Sitka & was returned to me at Washington.

The Bureau of Education would not allow me the "Journal" but did allow me the "American Teacher" for the teachers in Alaska. And they were subscribed for. Next year we hope to have more than as many again.

The Moravian Missionaries on Berrings Sea have secured a set of about 36 good photographs, which they are selling for $6.50 the set.

If you wish them, you can order from Edwin G. Klose. Bethlehem Pa. They are clear & good.

The latest book on Alaska is the "Report of Lieut Ray on the Expedition to Point Barrow Alaska." It is a large quarto illustrated & given away by the Signal office. Write "Brig Gen'l Hazen. U.S. Signal Office. Washington D.C." for a copy.

As you know Congress commenced two years ago with $25000 for Education in Alaska. Gen Eaton now asks for $50,000 Senator Henry L. Dawes is on the Sub-Committee of the Senate Com^te on appropriations that determines the Amount. Please write him a personal letter & ask him to do what he can to secure $50,000 -

As soon as I can find time I will send the Journal an Article or two on our Alaska Schools - I directed some Ladies in New York to your last work for Lantern Slides -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 22nd 6

Rev H. L. Morehouse D.D.

Dear Brother.

Congress two years ago gave us $20000 for Education in Alaska We are now pushing for $50.000. If we can secure it, we can put two Baptist teachers in Alaska – 1 at Kadiak & 1 in the vicinity of Kadiak.

The Chairman of the Sub Committee of the House Comtee on Appropriations is Hon Wm S. Holman of Indiana (Aurora)

He has it in his power to give the $50.000 asked for, or keep it down to the present sum Mr Holman & his wife are both Communicants in the Baptist Church –

If you as Secretary of a Baptist Missionary Society, will write him a letter asking him to devise liberal

things for Education in Alaska, I think it will have great weight.

Mr Holman represents the following Counties in Indiana — Dearborn. Decatur Franklin. Jefferson. Ohio, Ripley, Union & Switzerland

It would be well if you would prepare a circular letter & then have a Clerk copy & send to the leading Baptists Ministers in those Counties asking them to write Mr Holman, (also have influential Men in their Churches do the same) asking him to use his influence to secure $50.00 for Education in Alaska. I am doing the same to Presbyterian Ministers.

The following Congressmen I am told are Baptists. Perhaps a Circular letter to them would be of service.

Senators J. E. Brown of Ga, J. N. Dolph of Or, J. Z. George of Miss, S. B. Maxey of Texas

Representatives Mr. N. S. Holman of Ind,

L. L. Pierson of Ill, & R. M. Townshend of Ill.

With a Strong pull all together we ought to be able to Compel some attention to the needs of Alaska

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
Feb 22 6

Rev Robert Sloss D.D.
Greensburg Ind

Dear Brother

I make bold to trespass on your time in the interests of Education in Alaska.

Two years ago Congress voted $25000 for public Schools in Alaska This year we are asking for $50,000, which is a small sum When you consider the ~~Amount~~ area of territory to be covered.

Mr Wm S. Holman M.C. Congressman from your District is Chairman of the Sub Committee of appropriations that determines the Amount to be given

If you Know of any influential Methodists in your Congregation or city that will take an interest in this

matter, please ask them to write Mr Gilman, and ask him to use his influence in the Committee to secure $50.00 for Education in Alaska.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Also to
Rev Wm R. Brown D.D.
Madison Ind
Rev Wm A. Ervin. Aurora Ind
Rev David R. Moore. Brookville "
Rev Jos H. Barnard. Madison "
Rev D.W. Fisher D.D. & Professors
at Hanover College.
Rev Jas A Mackintosh Liberty Ind
Rev Jno P. Engstrom Mt Carmel "
Rev No. H. Olmsted Rising Sun "
Rev H.M. Walterworth Forest Hill "
Rev A.T. Rankin Kingston "
Rev Wm H. Moore Brookville Ind

Washington D.C.
Feb 23rd 1886

Dear Sir

I make bold to trespass on your time in the interests of Education in Alaska

Two years ago Congress appropriated $25000 for public schools in Alaska

This year we must have if possible $50,000, which is a small sum, when you consider the area of Territory to be covered

The Hon Wm S. Holman, Congressman from your District is Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Appropriations, that determines the Amount for Alaska

If you know any influential democrats in your Congregation or place, please make an effort to have them write Mr Holman and ask him to use his influence to secure $50,000 for Education in Alaska.

Perhaps some of your Missionary women will take the matter up & get up petitions & send Mr Holman. Please do what you can to help this matter. Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 23rd 6

W. H. Stewart Esq
Brookville Pa

Dear Brother.

You will remember of me Mentioning the fact on Saturday Evening that the displaced Alaska Officials had determined to secure my removal at all hazards.

Since my return I find that they have made more progress in prejudicing the Mind of Secretary Lamar than I had supposed, and that if Mr Fenks does not come to my rescue, that I will be pushed out.

If you did not have a talk with Mr Fenks on the subject while he was at Brookville, please sit down at once and write him as strong a letter as you know how, asking him to stand

by me, and not allow me to be turned out from the work that I have been 9 years in inaugurating. The work is just at that stage of development, that a change of Agents can not be made without disaster to the work.

Please use what influence you have in the matter. If you think it worth while to ask Judge Jenks, or can make use to write Mrs Jenks please do so -

With Kind regards to your Sister and other friends

I remain Your
Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 23rd 6

Prof S. A. Layman
Corsica. Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th received & think I mailed you about the same time Map & pamphlets. If I have not please let me know & I will forward them

I can not make a definite engagement with you at present. It is first necessary that you & Br Willard meet & judge whether you can work together I had a telegram from him, so that I know he has reached New Castle. When you determine when you will go there, you had better write him in advance, so that he will be sure & be home.

If you & he will agree, all the probabilities are that you will be ap-

pointed by the Commissioner of Educa-
tion in the meantime you & your wife will
of course make special prayer for divine guidance in so important a matter.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 23rd 6

Mr C. C. Johnson
Allegheny Pa

Dear Brother

Please send me the name and address of the teacher in Allegheny or Pittsburg that said she would like to go to Alaska -

I send you some pamphlets to day -

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 23rd 6

B. R Kline Esq
Reynoldsville Pa

Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 22nd received
It is true that the Commissioner of Education is looking for Married men
I think I wrote you the same -

As much as I would like to have your push and energy in the work
I fear we will have to wait for your services, until you get along farther
+ take a wife -

We will keep your name + papers on the list however -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Nov 23rd 6

Mr H.S. Stokes

Newport R.I.

Dear Friend

Your letter came as I was about leaving for a short trip into Western Pa.

I congratulate you, on getting back to work again

If you have the squirrel skins with you, or if they are where your father can get at them, please have them tied up in a bundle securely and sent by Express to "Sheldon Jackson. Care of ~~John~~ Enders Voorhees. Amsterdam. New York"

Now as to the affidavit. Please go to a lawyer & have him fix it up for you provided he does not charge over $5. If he does, all that is necessary for you to do, is to write out a statement of

Matters as you remember them, and go before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public and swear to the statement.

There is no particular form in which it has to be made out.

You can make statement that you helped copy the deed which was on file and that the conversation among parties interested was that the deed was given under Mc Allister for his influence

That it was a common report about the village that Mc Allister was in the habit of drinking

That you know that U.S. District Attorney Reed (and mention such other officials as you know to have been in sympathy with him) was opposed to the School & did many things to injure the School & that Jenkins work "All you are required to do on the Mine" Matter is to testify to the best of your memory. Lewis & others need not to be mixed up in it. The object

of your statements is to show that Judge McAllister received a deed to a portion of a mine that was in dispute or expected to be -

Also to the public belief in McAllister's drinking habits,

Also the opposition of Haskell & others to the School & to myself —

Prof Davis has sent me his sworn statement and I want one from you & Also from Lieut Bolles, who is east.

These papers will be very important in their influence on the men in Washington, who control the work of Mr Austin & Prof Kelly.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs Slade and our friends in the town you may visit.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Mr H. R. Johnson

Asmec. Memorial Hall

Allegheny Penn.

Dear Brother

Please decide as soon as you conveniently can whether you will go to Sunday Work

For if you do not, then we ought not to delay in looking for another.

Praying that God will direct you in so important a matter

I remain your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington. D.C.
Feb 24th 6

Miss Chatburn

I neglected to say to you when I met you, that it will be well if you can make an early decision whether you will go to Alaska or not.

Not that you need go at once, if you conclude to go at all, but that in case you can not go, that we may not lose time in looking for another teacher.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 25th 70

Dear Bro Willard

Your letters of 22d & 24 both received this mail. I can do nothing in the way of reductions on Penn. Cent. R.R. They are very stiff. However if you choose to try it, you might write to Mr Wm Thaw of Pittsburg. He could help you to Chicago, when you get ready to go, and possibly might help you Eastward. I think it is doubtful however -

Now for lectures. If you can secure Dr. T. M. White for Haines, by all means do it, and I can give him a salary of $1500. If he is not up in school teaching, it would be well for him to go to some Normal School and spend four or five months in learning Methods &c. Then go up to Haines the Middle of the Summer, Monday

It opens school the 1st of September.

I would be greatly pleased to learn your bro. J. P. White has Johnson. and perhaps could place Mr Johnson at Hancock.

Can you come to Washington the first of next week? Say from March 1–5th. The last of next week I wish to go to New York & New England

Please write me at once when you can come. When you come, go to Temple Cafe 606. 9th st ~~North~~ North West. It is a temperance restaurant with furnished rooms and a very nice place to stop & Cheaper than the hotels.

I hope Mrs Willard can accompany you I am at Bureau of Education, Corner of 6th and 8th streets from 9 to 4. And room at 1025. 6th st. N.W. Mrs J– is with me

Ask the White Bros to make an early decision, for if they are not willing to do then we ought to know it in order to secure others, before they make other arrangements.

Cannot meet them Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Washington D.C.
Feb 25th 6

S. A. Sayman Esq
Corsica. Penna

Dear Brother

Yours of the 23rd is received I have written Mr Willard & find that he is trying to induce a Bro in law to take the School at this place. If he succeeds, then I will probably [illegible] place for you farther South

I will try & arrange matters for all parties concerned as rapidly as possible.

At the Schools other than Haines there will be only a day School, and I am will not at present need an Assistant Lady teacher.

When Anything definite develops I will let you know. Kind regards to Mrs S.

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 25th 6

Mrs Daggett

Dear Lister

Yours of the 22nd is before me. If you are proposing a Meeting in Berlin, would you prefer me on Sabbath or a work day.

So far as I now know, I can come anywhere between March 10th & 31st.

I will now take up your questions No 1? There is no degree of certainty that I will be retained, the friends of the corrupt officials, whom I caused to be removed last Summer are now doing their best to have me removed.

No 2? There is no objection to a Minister, provided he has the necessary teaching abilities & provided he has good prudence & tact. As you can readily see, if he should antagonize the Greek

priest and Church, all the Children would be withdrawn from the School. That of course would defeat the object of the School. There are Methodist Ministers who can conduct the School so as to retain the Children. and yet on Sabbath have a Sabbath School and preach; but is not every good Minister that can do that.

I think you will appreciate the point. You need a man of rare wisdom & tact, & then will need to pray for him constantly.

There will be no objection to his visiting Neighboring islands during vacation. Indeed if my plans are carried out I will have the teacher at Unalaska made the superintendent of all the Schools in that region. That is he will teach his own & supervise the others.

3rd? As to Volcanoes, see Petroff's Alaska that is mailed you to-day.

4th? I can not give you the probable cost of sending from San Francisco to Unalaska, but will find out for you

3rd? They can rent a building at Unalaska for the first one or two years, until the Methodists wake up & give you money to put up Mission buildings

4th? I think the cost would not be over $200 a year. Perhaps not that much.

In reading Petroff's Alaska, bear in mind that the Author is a Russian Adventurer, who does not believe in Evangelical Christianity or in the success of Protestant Missions among the Alaskans—

You will find two full Maps in Petroff's Report.

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 25th 6

Dear Bro Schwerinitz

Yours of the 24th concerning teacher for Nushagak River is before me.

Is the Single Middle Aged woman (female physician) you speak of in your letter a member of your church?

And if you can not give her employment, would she be willing to take service in the Native Training School at Sitka? Do you know anything of her qualifications and adaptations?

Kind regards to your family

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Wm C. Roberts Dr

Jan 6 18 For the Conduct of the
Public School at Wrangel
Alaska as per contract of
January 1st 1886 Made
in accordance with the Order
of the Secretary of the Interior
March 2nd 1885

For the quarter ending	Nov 7th 1885	$75.00
" " "	Jan 16th 1886	$75.00

$150 00

Seven Hundred and fifty

Sample Copy

Board of Home Missions of the
Presbyterian Church
New York. N.Y.

January 18th 1886

I hereby certify that the public School
Among the Eskimo Alaska has been
Carried on for the quarter ending November
30th 1885 and the Second quarter ending
January 16th 1886 According to the true
intent and Meaning of the Contract
between the U.S. Commissioner of Education
and Wm C. Roberts Signed January
7th 1886 for the year beginning July 1st 1885

Wm C. Roberts

Washington D.C.
Feb 25th 6

Dear Bro Roberts

I send you a sample copy of Certificate to be made out in triplicate. Also blank Vouchers to be signed in triplicate

Of the vouchers please make two copies like the one inclosed and then sign your name on the last line of the three. Do not fill up any blanks that I have left vacant. Except your Signature on the bottom line.

If you have received any reports of Monthly attendance, please have Copies Made & sent me. Also When you write Hannah do not forget to impress on them that they Must make out a Monthly report of the School in duplicate and Mail them to me Whenever an opportunity occurs - Truly Your Brother Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 26th 6

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education.

Dear Sir

Mr Geo B. Johnston, who has been sent as teacher to Killisnoo Alaska submits the following Certificate & testimonials which according to his request I return to him.

1st A diploma of the National Normal School and Business Institute at Lebanon O. August 3rd 1882. with the following grades (4 being Highest Attainable grade) Orthography 3.9 Penmanship 3.7 Commercial Calculation 3.7 English Grammer 3.8. Business Correspondence 3.9+ Business Forms 3.8 Single Entry Book Keeping 3.9. Double Entry do 3.9. Commission 3.8. Steamboating 3.8. Banking 3.8.

2nd Diploma of National Normal University Lebanon O. August 1st 1881

3rd Teachers Professional Certificate.
Common Schools of Penna C. F. McDevitt Supt
Allentown Lee Co Pa. Oct 4th 1884.
4th Teacher's Certificate of Board of Examiners
of Franklin Co. Co. April 28th 1883.
5th Testimonial of the School Board of
Lancaster Penna Jan 6. 1886.
6th Also testimonials from his College
Professors -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 26 6

Rev Alonzo N Lawrence
Moberly. Mo

Dear Brother

I understand that Hon Lafayette Dawson, recently appointed Judge of the U.S. District Court of Alaska was a resident of your city.

Please give me some account of his character and standing among his fellow townsmen. What is his standing as a lawyer? What is his character and habits? Is he a temperance man? does he game? Does he attend Church? Is he or his family connected with any Church? What denomination?

Anything that will help us judge of his suitableness for the position

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.

Washington D.C.
Feb 26 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St. Boston

Dear Sister

Yours of the 24th has just reached me. I have already written you on the subject. April 13th I fear will be too late as I hope to be starting westward about that time.

I have been thinking with reference to your question in a former letter. It will be better that the lecturer should not be a minister, as that would perhaps excite prejudice against him from the beginning.

Send an earnest Christian layman. He can have a Sabbath School on Sabbath. Become acquainted with the field, and send back such representations as will

stir up the Denomination & Missionary Soc
to sending out a Minister to give his whole
time to the Mission work.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
Feb 26th 6

Miss Mary R. Schiller
28 Birch St. Allegheny Pa

Madam

Mr C.O. Johnson has written me that you would like to go to Alaska either in the Missionary work, or as a government teacher. Workers are wanted in both capacities.

I will be pleased to hear from you on the subject. What your qualifications are, What Certificates & testimonials, State of health &c, And if you prefer the Missionary work What Church you belong to.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
Feb 26 6

Miss Sadie E Johnston
W&F Freedom, Clarion Co. Pa

Madam

Yours of the 24th enclosing your Brother's Teacher's Professional Certificate is received.

The Certificate together with other papers will be returned to him in due time

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 26th 1890

Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansom St. San Francisco

Dear Sir.

Please send us a Schedule of rates for the following purposes -

Passage Fare of teachers between
San Francisco and Unalaska Ka
" Ft Alexander
" Kadiak
" St Michael
" Belkofsky

Also rates of freight to Unalaska & Kadiak
I have heard that at some of your Stores you give Special rates either to White men or White employees - If true, can you the Government teachers a Special rate?

Teachers are writing me, what it will cost them to reach their Schools

Send what it will cost them to live 1st
Learn the above inquiries.

Martha, have you any buildings
at Neulashka + Kaliakh that you can rent the
Teachers for residence? And to the
Government for school rooms?

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Total $60,300

Estimates for Alaska Schools 1886-7

		Salaries	Rent of School House	Fuel Lights Books Incidentals	Desks Blackboards Furniture	Erection of School House
1	Haines	$1500		$100		
2	Hoonah	$1500		$100		
3	Juneau	$1500		$100		$5000
4	Killisnoo	$1200		$100	$150	$3000
5	Sitka No 1	$800		$100	}	$5000
6	" No 2	$800	$150	$100	}	
7	Wrangell	$800		$100		
8	Loring	$1500		$100	$300	$3000
9	Klawack	$1500		$100	$300	$3000
10	Jackson	$800		$100	$300	
11	Kadiak	$1500	$150	$100	$350	
12	Wood Island	$1500	$200	$100	$350	
13	Afognak	$1500	$200	$100	$350	
14	Karluk	$1500	$200	$100	$350	
15	Kenai	$1500	$200	$100	$350	
16	Unga	$1500		$100	$350	$
17	Belkofsky	$1500		$100	$350	$3000
18	Unalaska	$1500	$150	$100	$200	
19	Unalaga	$1500		$100	$350	
20	Atka	$1500	$200	$100	$350	
21	Kuskokwim (Bethel)	$1500		$100		
22	Yukon	$1500		$100	$400	$22,000
		$30,350	$29.900	$1450	$2,200	$4,800	$47,000

School Expenditures in Oregon and the Territories. Census 1880. and the amount Alaska would recieve on the same ratio.

State or Territory	Population	No of Teachers	Salary of Teachers	Total School Expenditure	Alaska
Oregon	174.768	1141	$212.348	$316.885	$66.350
Washington	75.116	532	$95.592	$112.615	$52.150
Nigeria	40.440	101	$56.744	$61.172	$52.850
Dakota	135.177	520	$81.311	$183.257	$47.250
Idaho	32.610	129	$33.421	$38.411	$40.950
Montana	39.159	167	$53.785	$68.002	$60.550
Utah	143.963	434	$130.187	$170.887	$41.300
Wyoming	20.789	70	$25.894	$28.504	$47.850
New Mexico	119.565	164	$25.052	$28.972	$5.400

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School Expenditures in Cities with an Population about the same as Alaska

Name	Census of 1880. Population	Educational Report 1883-4. No of Teachers	Salaries of Teachers	Expended on School Buildings	Total Expenditures
Oakland Cal	34,555	140	$126,864	$7,845	$167,453
Savannah Ga	30,700	175	$42,423		$49,395
Peoria Ill	31,086	106	$45,515	$10,653	$107,477
Portland Me	33,810	139	$60,673	$6,997	$91,144
Springfield Mass	33,340	124	$79,564	$9,437	$118,734
Grand Rapids Mich	32,016	97	$55,873	$36,614	$127,210
St Joseph Mo	32,431	78	$43,577	$22,635	$87,631
Omaha Neb	30,518	83	$49,423	$32,262	$134,178
Manchester N.H.	32,630	85	$40,904	$13,400	$68,097
Utica N.Y.	33,914	147	$58,605	$4,253	$83,175
Harrisburg Pa	30,762	115	$53,775	$10,893	$95,367
Memphis Tenn	33,592	68	$33,162		$47,390
Wheeling W Va	30,737	98	$42,570	$35,541	$90,025

Washington D.C.
March 1st 6

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.
Sec. B.M. of P.E.Ch

Dear Brother

It gives me great pleasure to forward you a Completed Copy of the Agreement for a School on the Yukon River

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson.
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 2nd 6

Mr Sal Ripinsky
Unalashka Alaska

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of Feb 1st per Steamer Rush was safely received together with the reports of Oct. Nov, Dec & January.

It was reported here that you were teaching only half a day & that the Russian Priest had the School the other half -

The Commissioner ~~reported~~ telegraphed you via the "Rush" that such a course would not be approved. I do not know whether the telegram reached you. But remember that there can be no divided responsibility and that you are expected to teach an English School 5 days in the Week, 40 weeks in the year, & from 9 am to 4 P.M. each day with an hours intermission at noon

Where School is omitted on account of the feast-days of the Russian Greek Church there will make up such losses at the End of the Session, so as to make four full terms of fifty School days each.

In your further reports please in addition to the figures already given, give the total Number of different persons attending during the Month.

I Mail you to-day three bundles of Newspapers - On Jan 11th I mailed you Care of the A.C. Co. San Francisco - 1 Map of the U.S. - 1 Map of Alaska - 1 Chart of Spencerian Writing - 1 Musical Chart - And on Jan 19th 16 inch Globe - Feb 26th Annual Report on Education for 1882-3; and on Feb 11th Lieut Ray's Report.

According to your written order I have collected on your Salary $110. to cover Money borrowed by yourself - To-morrow the ballance of your Salary $390 (due March 1st 86) will be sent you - I also enclose you some blank vouchers, Please

sign them on the last line & return them to the office in the enclosed return envelope. So that salaries may be paid in future whenever there is an opportunity.

Your next Monthly reports, and other matters you may have for me, you will please mail to "345 North Kellogg St- Galesburg, Illinois"

I do not now expect to visit Alaska this summer. My aged parents are failing rapidly in health & I do not wish to be where I can not reach them when the end comes.

I have often thought of you this winter and many a time wished that I might drop down upon you & make you a visit-

Hoping you have had good health

I remain very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Education
Washington D.C.
March 3rd 6

Unalashka (Alaska)
John Eaton
Commissioner

52	2 Boxes	Gillott's Steel Pens
4	1 Ream	Letter Paper
4	4 Doz	Pen Holders
148	6 Doz	Lead Pencils
160	1 Doz	Rulers
	48	Memo Tablets. Assorted Sizes

To be mailed to
Prof Sal Ripinsky
Unalaska Ku Alaska
Care of Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St
San Francisco
California

Washington D.C.
March 3rd 6

Sam't Carson & Co
120 Sutter St. San Francisco
California

Dear Sir

The Bureau of Education is arranging for the establishment of several schools in Western Alaska - of which San Francisco is the Natural base of Supplies.

Your attention has been called to you as a suitable firm to supply our wants.

You will therefore please procure, pack & ship, through the Alaska Commercial Co. (310 Sansom St. San Francisco Cal.) the enclosed bill of goods to Prof. Sul. Kiprinsky, Unalaska. Alaska

The Steamer sails about the 15th of March or sooner.

You will please make out bill (in triplicate)

for the same and forward it to this office.

Also receipt the bills by signing your names on the last line of the voucher

Upon the receipt of the vouchers at this office, a treasury warrant will be mailed you for the Amount.

With Each voucher I send you a sample of the form required by the U.S. Treasury Department

The name above must coincide with the signature below. And the signature below must be the ordinary signature of your firm, and without any "per"

Also inform us what arrangements can be made for the future

Very Truly Yours

[illegible]

Commissioner

A list of Supplies to be furnished and Shipped to Prof Solomon Kipinsky Unalashka, Alaska, via Alaska Commercial Co's Steamer about the 15th of March.

3 doz Slates
2 Boxes Slate pencils
6 Doz Copy Books
½ doz Bracket Lamps
1 Desk Lamp
Package of Lamp wicks
1 Box Lamp Chimnies
1 Numerae Frame
4 Lts of Black ink in 5-cent bottles
4 Boxes Chalk Crayons (White)
1 " " " (Blue)
1 " " " (Red)
1 Doz Blackboard erasers
1 Clock for School Room
1 Doz Primary Arithmetics
1 " (Medium Grade) "
1 Gale. tin oil Can
1 Large School Dictionary
10 Advanced Geographies
12 Primary "
12 Language Books
½ doz Histories of U.S.
1 " Child's Histories of U.S.
1 Doz 1st Readers
1 " 2nd "
1 " 3rd "
1 " 4th "

Washington D.C.
Dec 4th 1885

Rev Wm L. Langford D.D.
Lee

Dear Brother

I have just noticed that the Contracts were not dated We have dated those at this office for 20th of February 1886. Please fill in the Copy sent you for the same date

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
March 6

Dear Bro Willard

Your letter of the 3rd is received. I am very sorry you could not have come ~~here~~ this week! However I will keep you informed of my movements.

I write now to say that I will consider your Bro in law the Physician as retained for the Government School at Haines and will look no further for a teacher.

I have also written Mr Reid at Chicago Lea & Mr Johnson at Allegheny that they will not be needed at Juneau, as I understand from your letter that Rev J. P. Mills will surely go to Juneau for the Board Commissioners Time.

I Assure you that such an arrangement is very gratifying to me.

I will urge the Appointment of Rev J. P. M as the Board for Juneau -

I do not expect to attend Gen Assembly.
Prof Lay a man will probably be sent to
open a school at Unalaska Bay (Loring) Alaska.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs
Mr & the Children, also Mr White & family

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
March 6

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Com^r of Education

Dear Sir

Mrs Hovey has sent you a copy of Congressional Record. Please see the discussion on Education in Alaska. Also notice my report was received and ordered printed. I went up there to-day to look after it and found that it had already gone to the Printing Office.

It was not referred to the Printing Com^tee & no extra Copies ordered -

I will order a Couple of hundred for my own use at the Printing Office.

How would it answer to have the report part (without the appendix) published as an Appendix to your Annual Report for 1884 & 5. It will make from 25 to 27 pages. There will

be no additional expense for the illustration except the printing & paper, the Electrotype plates having been made at the expense of Congress. The sum is one of the Maps

As this is the last report of the kind that I will probably have the privilege of making; And the inauguration of the plans for Education in Alaska; And the Commencement of a distinct line of work by this Bureau; and somewhat a vindication of my character, it would seem to me been appropriate that it should make a part of your Annual Report.

It could be published with or without the Maps. If with the Maps (& there are a very valuable addition and I think would be appreciated by each the larger number of whom, have no access to a correct Map of Alaska) then you should decide at once, so that when the lithographic stone is prepared for printing the Maps for the Senate, they can also print

the edition for the Annual Report at a very slight Expense. If furnished for the Annual Report I would recommend the printing of the general Map of all Alaska, and not the Special Map of S. E. Alaska This latter can be left out of the Annual Report.

I saw Judge Drake last evening and he hoped to see Lic Lamar to-day. Congressman Reece of Ill has promised to go & see him to-morrow.

Hope you found the family all well. Please remember me very kindly to them.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

[illegible] Mr. Ryder
[illegible], Alaska
[illegible] 1900.

To the Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Gen. Stetson Jackson has shown me a letter in which a statement of complaints received at your office from citizens of Sitka is set forth.

As an officer under government who has been here for months and is fully cognizant of all the facts, I would most respectfully state that in regard to the complaints as mentioned in your letter

1st. The original town site plot of New Archangel was drawn out by the Land Office authorities soon after the purchase of Alaska and there is no town site or town government.

2nd. The Davis road as originally built is still open, the only encroachment being a covered way over it sufficiently wide and high to permit safe and easy passage to the largest wagon or team in town.

That no road has been graded up nor any attempt been made to do so. The Pimalans never gravelled a road or walk and until Gen Davis built the Fond du Lac trail existed, of which the country all over Alaska is a net work. Gen Davis made a good corduroy gravelled road which has since been repaired by the Govt but the so called Pimalan children never spent a cent of labor on the road. The so called public walk or park, consisting of a six foot gravel path through half a mile of marsh and bog over which very seldom any one passes other than an occasional [illegible].

3. The all records show is there are not right for persons minds and they are never at times prohibited unless peculiar circumstances would necessitate, it has been the exception and not the rule.

4th. The fact is proved to show there was no one the Grand Army last week who they although supposed to be anxious to find a [illegible] will throw the light out as frivolous. A civil contract suit or tribal right to an Indian who sues another Indian supposed to be a slave to help him provide a home.

As an citizen on the spot I say that certain members of the Civil government were spent their energies and time in striving to work up this Indian appeal instead of attending to flagrant

breaches of the law which took place daily under [illegible] and into which [illegible]

The District Attorney is publicly an example [illegible] drunk more than half the time on whiskey which he brought into Sikka, when the law distinctly says that such sale is illegal, and not a man has been released.

Trusting that this letter may carry some weight,

I am Sir, Yours &c,

(Signed) W. Dix Bolles,

[illegible]

(Copy)

Sitka Alaska
June 17th 1885.

To the
Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have read the letter of St. Bolles and concur in what he says. The conduct of Gov. Kinkead, Marshall Hillger and District Attorney Haskell toward the Mission School here and especially toward Dr. Sheldon Jackson, is in my judgment without excuse. The largest saloon keeper in the town told me this very day that the District Attorney owed him a large sum for drinks at the bar and that he did not expect to get a cent out of him. Gov. Kinkead has been drunk most of his time and spends his intervals in cursing Dr. Jackson. An Indian woman told me a few days ago that the Marshall is her sweet heart

and I have every reason to believe that she told the truth. Such men have no love for missions nor for what they teach. They have stirred up strife since they came and have made the lives of some of us miserable for the past six months. It is about time that those in authority in Washington knew something of the private lives of these men who are opposing missions and schools. It should also be remembered that the Russians or rather Creoles in Sitka are simple and basely ignorant and can always be led by any demagogue.

I make the above statements deliberately — feel prepared to prove them and more if necessary.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John G. Brady,
U. S. Commissioner at Sitka.

Washington D.C.
March 9th 6

Col John H. Oberly
Indian School Supt

Sir

Enclosed please find letters of Lieut Bolles & Judge Brady, which are hereby returned to your files with many thanks

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent

Washington D.C.
March 9th 6

Dear Bro Davis.

The Alaska mail was received this morning and the Missionaries wish me to fight it out, for the moral effect it will have in Alaska.

Judge Brady writes for me by all means to come back this Summer, and then if for family or other reasons I feel that I must resign in the fall all right.

I have also good news from My Parents that they have decided to break up attempting to keep house & will go to live with My Sister (Mrs Norcross) at Carlisle Penn.a

After getting this mail I went over and had a Consultation with Mr Jenks And he told me there would be no Change So I have about decided to hold over until fall & go to Alaska for the

the Summer. I told Mr Jenks, that
While I desired very much to go to Western
Alaska this Summer, that yet I did not
Care to retain the office permanently, and
that next fall I wanted to resign in
your favor. — that you was the only one
in the U.S. that had both the Educational
training and the Knowledge of Alaska
that could follow me in the work —
I also told him that Gen Eaton, the
Commissioner would be glad to have you
succeed me. I think he was pleased
with the plan. I have not had
much time to give thought to the Changed
aspect of affairs, but Knowing that you
are desirous for the earliest possible in-
dications I write you that I will try to
go to Western Alaska this Summer.
In the Meantime quietly arrange
your plans & gather up your influence
to succeed me —
I hope I am not making a
Mistake in my decision

Lieut Ray Bowers Rec'd Nov 1890 Western Alaska

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 9th 6

Miss Margaretta Wippner-

If you will be so kind as to send me word where you are stopping I will give myself the pleasure of calling upon you.

Mr Max Pracht wishes me to see you on Alaska matters in which we are both interested.

Hoping you are well, I remain
Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson

Or if it will be more convenient for you to call here, I will be in at any hour you will set. I am usually in from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 -

Washington D.C.
March 11th 6

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

I inclose you a copy of the letter you sent the Secretary. As you will notice, it is a full & complete vindication of my work and character and in the desperate attack that is now being made on me ought to see the light.

If you ~~should~~ prefer that it should not appear as a copy of an official document, it can be headed in some such way as this "The Hon John Eaton. U.S. Commissioner of Education Concerning the difficulties in Alaska thus writes in vindication of Dr Jackson

I have given these matters, careful consideration and would remark as follows &c &c &c.

Please look over this Ms as soon as you can, make such changes as you wish & return to me as soon as possible, as the ballance of the pamphlet will all be in type to-morrow, & wait the return of the Ms.

Mr Indian Comr Atkins, very kindly allowed me copies of letters written to him last Summer by Lieut Bolles & Judge Brady.

Rev Mr Willard & wife came to-day & I will probably have their Affidavit to-morrow. I am sorry that you are not here to meet them.

Early next week I hope to be able to make a trip over to New York

Kind regards to family

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Gen'l Agent.

Gen Eaton

Last November you gave me permission to raise Miss Murphy's salary to $40 per month.

In some way either no record was made or we can not find it.

As it is necessary to have some authority to show for increase of salary in order that she may receive her pay - I send you two letters on the subject dated back to about the time.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 13th 6

Mr Cadet Taylor
Chief Clerk of Gov Printing Office

Dear Sir

Last week I ordered 500 Copies of Senate Ex Doc 85. 49th Cong 1st Sess for my use. I would now order 500 more Making 1000 in all.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Bureau of Education

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Sheldon Jackson

Statement of Sheldon Jackson
Acting Commissioner

March 1st 6 For Services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per Annum for the Month of February 1886 $93.40

To U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey for tracing two sketch maps of Alaska for Preliminary Report on Education in Alaska 30.00

$123.40

One hundred and twenty three 40/100

Sheldon Jackson.

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Kate A. Rankin

Acting Commissioner

6
March 13th For Salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School No 2
at Sitka Alaska @ $150
per quarter of 10 weeks
For the quarter extending
from Dec 7th 1885 to Feb 15th 1886 $150.00
For 4/10 of quarter extending from Feb 15th to March
13th 1886 $60.00
Paid for Janitor 1.25
" " " 2.00

* Janitor fees not allowed the Sub-
Boarders being employed under.

$213.25

Two hundred and thirteen 25/100

Kate A. Rankin.

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Lyda McAvoy

For Salary from September 1st
to November 14th 1885 as
teacher of the U.S. Public
School at Fort Wrangell
Alaska, 2½ months @ $100
per annum

September	49 00
October	50.50
November 14 days.	22 73
	$122 35

Education of Children in Alaska

Lyda Mc Avoy

March 1st For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Fort Wrangell. Alaska @ $600 per annum

November 16 days	26 10
December 1885	50 50
January 1886	51 70
February "	46 60
For Janitor 6 months @ $2 per month	12 00
" Work in School Room	3.00
To G. W. Taylor for two brooms	1.00
	$190 90

One hundred and ninety 90/100

Acting

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Margaret Powell.

Voting Commissioner

March 1 For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Sitka, Alaska @ $800 per annum

December 1885	67.40
January 1886	68.90
February "	62.20

$198.50

One hundred and ninety eight 50/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
Marion B. Murphy

Acting Commissioner

Mar 6

1st	For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School at Juneau Alaska at $40 per month	
	November 1885	$ 40 00
	December "	$ 40 00
	January 1886	$ 40 00
	February "	$ 40 00
		$ 160 00

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
W. A. Kelly

Hellig... Commissioner

December 3 For fitting up School
Room and for supplies fur-
nished the U.S. Public School
No 2 at Litka Alaska
2 Windows @ 5.50 320 feet Battens 11.20 16.70
271 feet Rough lumber @ $12 per M 5.42
1 Lock .40 1 Lock & Clasp .75 1.15
Dec 9 1 Hatchet .90 1 Broom .50 1 Shovel .25 1.65
10 lb Nails .80 3 Day's Work @ $5 15.80
2 Black boards $10. 1 Book Case 8. 18.00
8 Benches 20. 8 Double Desks 48. 68.00
1 Table 2.00
Dec 18 2 tons of Coal 22. Hauling 2. 5.00
Kindling Wood 0.50
Dec 20 1 Ton Coal 11. Hauling 1. 12.00
For rent of School Room 1 Month 15.00
87.18

Enclosure

W. A. Kelly

Returned and Paid

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
March 18th 6

Edwin E. Kloze Esq
Bethlehem Pa.

Dear Sir

In order to help bring your Alaska Mission more prominently before the public, & included in the "Appendix to My "Annual report on Education in Alaska" Mr Hartman's diary of his Alaska trip. illustrated with several of his photographs.

The U.S. Senate has ordered the report with accompanying maps and illustrations printed.

The photographs are to be printed by a patent process, which causes them to look like photographs.

They can prepare plates from the photographs furnished them but the pictures will be sharper and

more distinct- if they could have the original Negatives to prepare their plates from.

I do not Know who has control of the Negatives and therefore write to you.

The Government through the U.S. Bureau of Education desires to borrow for two weeks the use of the Negatives for pictures Number 14 -15- 21- 23 and 35.

If they can be secured, please have them carefully packed in a box. Then have the small box packed in a larger box with hay or excelsior or packing material packed all around it. Then ship the box by Express to the

"Photo- Gravure Company
No 853. Broadway. New York

"Writing them & also us -

If you are at any expense, please send bill to me - Let the Photo G. Co pay the Expressage -

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It will afford me pleasure to send you a couple of the reports when printed

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Gov. Swineford previous to his appointment was editor of a village Newspaper at Marquette Michigan a village of less than 3,000 people according to Census of 1880.

His appointment to a Governorship has turned his head. He is a coarse man, and this is the first little authority that he has had.

Reaching Alaska, because Collector French of the Treasury Department and Lieut Commander Nichols of the U. S. Navy (both of them educated polished gentlemen, and so far as the public can see as good morally as he) would not bow down to his greatness, he at once commenced treating them so ungentlemanly that they with quiet dignity, let him alone.

Hence the bitterness of his fight against them. I have no proof of it, but it is common report, that they are in the so called whiskey ring, but it is also believed, that the Governor's eagerness to get-

them out, is simply to form another whiskey ring in which he shall have the control. He is reported to have said to the Saloon men at Juneau "That they have a perfect right to bring whiskey in here and when they want to test the law, he will help them do it" — "That any person they wanted appointed Commissioner, he would have him appointed"; — "That he could have any person removed that he wanted by writing a letter to the President." That person was a "Loafer around Washington".

It is true that the Commissioner at Juneau drinks and gambles, but the same is true of Gov. Swineford, as I have from good authority, only probably the Commissioner goes farther than the Governor.

Now look at his letter to you of date Feb. 19. He speaks of how much he has done for the Islands. He has done far more than the preceding Governor, for which we are all very thankful, but he has not only done no more, but not as much as Captains Glass, Beardslee and Gull of the Navy.

In that same letter he conveys an impression to you that he did not know that Com.r Nichols had received instructions to convey him around until Dec 20th. His memory is poor, for he told me in September that Capt. Nichols had such instructions; and we talked the matter over as the Navy Department had informed me that Instructions had been given Capt. Nichols, also to convey me.

Again if he has proof that liquors are being smuggled into the country, he has the Court, Judge, District Attorney, Marshal and the Law. Why does he not enforce it? The fact is he wants liquor for his own use.

Every mail from Alaska confirms me the impression that he is playing the hypocrite. He would like to make the moral element believe that he was doing everything he can for them, and at the same time assuring the immoral element that he will not seriously interfere with them.

In the same way he is trying to compromise you Ladies, by drawing you into a personal light, that his over bearing course has brought on him.

If you inquire in Society Circles, you will find Capt. Nichols very highly esteemed by many in Washington, particularly in Naval Circles.

He was for some years connected with the U.S. Geodetic and Coast Survey.

See the duplicity of his treatment of the Gen'l Agent of Education. In October last he calls upon him for assistance and information. About the same time he writes you that he highly esteems him, but by the same mail he writes to the Secretary of the Interior that he is a "bad designing man, an arrant rogue, and a hypocrite."

And that too when the Governor had been in Alaska less than a month.

See his bribe — that if you will have the Gen'l Agent removed, he (the Governor) will fill up the Training School. The Gen'l Agent is

are officially connected with that Province
Select Com. from Port Victoria. And if the Gov.
can fill it up, it is his duty to do it, whether he
likes the Genl. Agent or not.

The Honorable Secretary of the Interior is directed by law to make needful and proper provision for the Education of Children in Alaska.

This requires

1st. A Superintendent of Public Schools who shall reside in Alaska, visit and have the personal supervision of the schools, and perform the duties of the schools, usually performed by Superintendents of Public Schools in the States.

2nd. A General Agent of Education in Alaska who shall have a desk in the U. S. Bureau of Education and perform the following duties under the direction of the Commissioner of Education.

Schools.

Decide on the location of new schools.
" the lease of school buildings.
" architect plans for
" erection of "
" repair "

Provide the materials for building & repairing
School furniture (desk &c)
Books, Charts, Stationery, Fuel &c
Blanks for school reports.
Receive and supervise the accounts and vouchers.

Teachers.

Attend to the securing of teachers,
Examine teachers applications, certificates and testimonials,
Recommend appointment of teachers,
Receive the resignation " "
Receive and Examine monthly school reports,
Audit the accounts of teachers,
Provide for their prompt payment;
Conduct the Correspondence with Superintendents and teachers.

Office.

Attend to the Alaska Correspondence,
Take care of the Alaska files,
Keep the Commissioner informed of the condition of the "Alaska Fund".

Oct 31st 5-

Dr Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent of Education
for Alaska

Sir Your letter of Oct 29th rec-
Commending an increase of Salary
to $40 a Month for Miss Marion
B. Murphy, teacher at Juneau
Alaska is received and the
recommendation Approved.

You will please notify Miss Murphy

Truly Yours

Signed John Eaton

Commissioner

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.
March 16th 6

Mr Cadet-Taylor
Chief Clerk Govern.t Printing Office.

Sir

Since the Map of Alaska was made for Senate Ex Doc 86. 49th Congress it has become important to place on the Map an additional town — to wit: "ANVIK."

This is a village on the lower Yukon River Where we will probably start a School this Summer -

Please give Mr Peters authority to put Anvik on the Map -

It will also greatly add to the value of the Map, if the distances from Unalashka could be placed on it. So few people have any conception of the real distance between prominent places in Alaska.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

March 16 6

Rev Wm S. Langford D.D.

Secretary P.E. Miss'y Soc.

Dear Sir

I find that by the U.S. Census of
'80 there were 2220 Eskimo on the Yukon
" below Anvik and 461 Tinneh - Makin
2681 people below Anvik, and 1640 Tinneh
between Anvik & the eastern boundary line
" Ter.

Between Anvik and Nulato 733
" Nulato " Ft Yukon 724
" Ft Yukon " Boundary 83.

Ft Yukon 109
" Nulato 168
" Anvik 90
" Makeymute 121
" Ugnokhakskamute 175
In the Delta 1202

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.

March 16 6

Mr George Bowle

Dear Sir-

Yours of March 15th from Boston is received.

I Am Sorry the Check for the first-quarter's rent Has Mis carried.

I Am Also Sorry that I will be out of the City until the last of the week.

Please See Mr Gardiner the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Education and See What Steps are to be taken to Secure a duplicate Check for your rent-

It was Check No 29417. for $70. rent-Sept 17th 1885. Perhaps the Chief Clerk will go over with you to Mr Evans the Disbursing Clerk.

I will leave with Mrs Hoover, one of the Clerks- bills for your Signature for your rent- for office, Jan & Feb 1886-

3934
500

Washington D.C.
March 16th 6

Dear Bro Austin

I have but a moment to-night. Enclosed find an article Evidently inspired by Mr Allister. See the Extract from Gov Livingston's letter. You will see that he is not to be trusted The Kind letters you have written to Mrs Wickham & the Board about the Gov, are used against me. They say the Governor Must be right in his Estimate of Jackson, as Mr Austin endorses the Gov. Please be more guarded in your letters to the Board, The Governor may turn out yet in such a way, that you will regret having endorsed him

Remember we endorsed Dawne, until he left. The Governor is Loyal to the face of the Missionaries & also to the Salaba men, & he may play one or both

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of them false. Also be careful of what is said in the presence of Mrs Lewis. Rev & Mrs Willard left here this A.M. Mrs J- is with me & would wish to be remembered if she knew I was writing We leave to-night for a short visit to her father's in Central New York —

I hope the Statistics of the Sitka Church may come next Steamer.

Also if it has not already been attended to, please procure & forward me as soon as possible affidavits, or sworn statements of the Missionaries & Brady, & any others (Doran &c) that will give them, as to my Character integrity veracity, success in work &c. You know it is said that no one in Alaska believes in me, or would trust me - And I need the sworn statements to show to the Contrary.

Your brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
March 27 6

Mr Cadet Taylor
Chief Clerk Gov't Printing Office

Dear Sir

Yours of March 24th enclosing two photo illustrations & proofs of Senate Ex Doc 85. 49. 1 is received

Originals and proofs as you request are hereby returned to you approved.

I would also say that on Wednesday last I approved & ordered the other illustrations sent to the Photo-Engraving Co. 67 Park Place New York for Sen Ex Doc 85. 49. 1. So that when received by you, they can be returned at once to N.Y. York, without the delay of transmitting them to me.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 27th 6

Mr Cadet Taylor
Chief Clerk Gov't Printing Office

Dear Sir

Yours of the 25th enclosing Originals and proofs of two Maps to accompany Sen Ex Doc 55. 49.1 is received

In the title of the Map of Alaska over the ~~---~~ letter "e" of the word Sheldon is a period or dash that should be removed -

Then I notice that Kuskokwim River is spelled with an "h" instead of "K" K is correct. Also the word Iliuliuk is spelled with an n in the place of u - u- is correct. The Mistake in these two words occur in the original

With the above exceptions the Maps are approved

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington, D.C. March, 6

Sir:

In view of the fact that the "Blair Bill", with some additions and amendents, has passed the Senate, and is to be taken up by the House of Representatives next month, I deem it my duty to offer the following preliminary estimate relating the illiterate population of Alaska between the ages of 10 and 20 years, both inclusive, and to recite the considerations which have led me to the conclusion below set forth.

Mr. Ivan Petroff's enumeration of the population of Alaska (page 33 of his Special Report in U.S Census of 1880, [illegible]):

Divisions	Total	White	Creole	Chinook	Aleut	Athabaskan	Tsimshian	Kygan.
Arctic	3,094	---	----	3,094	---	---	---	---
Yukon	6,870	18	19	4,276	---	2,557	---	---
Kuskokoim	8,911	3	111	8,036	255	506	---	--
Aleutian	2,451	82	479	---	1,890	---	---	---
Kodiak	4,352	34	917	2,211	----	864	326	---
Southeastern	7,748	293	230	---	----		6,437	788
Total	33,426	430	1,756	17,617	2,145	3,927	6,763	788

Mr. "Petroff" does not discriminate between the sexes or the several ages of the population; but we may assume that the conditions as to sex do not differ materially from those existing in the adjacent "Territories and Arctic Islands" belonging to the Dominion of Canada, where the British Census of 1881 reported 28,113 males and 28,333 females. The partial returns made by Russian officials from 1818 to 1861, quoted in Mr. Petroff's paper, give nearly the same proportion of the sexes — each being about half the population.

The proportion of Minors to Adults as understood by the officials of the United States' Census and by statistical writers of recent date in this country is not indicated by any of the statistics quoted by Mr. Petroff. The nearest approach to such a distinction is that made in the partial Census of 1839 made by the Hudson Bay Company in 1839, and quoted on pp. 36, 37 of Mr. "Petroff's" report. The free natives thus reported numbered 4,121 "adults" and 2,439 "children"; but the circumstances of that Census indicate that stature strength and child-producing capacity may have had much more to do with the assignment of many individuals to the "adults" or rather than to the "children".

Or, for these reasons venture to estimate the population of Alaska as to age by the enumeration of the population

& Washington Territory, the organized Territory nearest to Alaska, with the following result:

Territories	Population	Minors under 10		Minors 10-20 yrs		Adults, 21 and over	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Washington	75,116	19,396	25.8	15,553	20.7	40,167	53.5
Alaska	33,426	8,631		6,921		17,874	

In the year 1880, the condition of affairs was about as follows:

The 430 Whites mentioned in Mr. Petroff's enumeration were mainly instructed Adults; about 800 of the Creoles, or Russo-Alaskans mentioned were able to write, nearly all of these being adults; of the Alaskan races, I estimate that the number able to write was as follows;

Aleuts	500
Thlinket	200
Tinyda	100

making 800 more such persons. There were, therefore about 2,030 persons to be deducted from

the estimated population ten or more years old, leaving 24,795 persons ten or more year old, unable to write at that time.

If this provisional estimate meets with your sanction, please to notify me to that effect, so that I may proceed to have made a calculation of the amounts that may be due from time to time to the Alaskan schools under the provisions of the Bill already mentioned in this letter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.
Sheldon Jackson
Special Agent

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior.

Washington D.C.
March 27th 6

Mr Charles M. Miller
Athens Penn

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23rd is before me
In reply to your question "What will travelling Expenses be"? I can not Answer
It is now from $40. to 50$ to San Francisco
From San Francisco to Unalaska, the Alaska Commercial Co, say that they will be reasonable, but do not say what reasonable is.

To your second question, "Cost of living," I would say that yourself & wife ought to live on $1000 & less - The Alaska Commercial Co will give you Special rates at their store.

If your Methodist friends & Churches could raise you $400, that would take you both to your field, & help furnish

your residence. The trouble of waiting until June is, the uncertainty of a Steamer. I will write the Company to see if they have a later Steamer & When? There is, as yet, no regular line of Steamers to ~~Alas~~ Western Alaska and we have to go, whenever it is convenient for the Trading Co to sail their vessels. If you could go up in May, it gives you all Summer to get ready for the opening of school Sept 1st & will see however if there is any later time. In the meantime forward me your recommendations as the Commissioner of Education will be in the Office next week and I would like to submit them to him.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 27 6

Photo-Engraving Co
New York

Dear Sir

The Public Printer informed me this A.M. that he had received no proofs of the first lot of plates, which you showed me on Wednesday & which I approved of.

Please send me the proofs at once for his approval. I have given him a written approval of them, so that he can return them to you as soon as he sees them.

When you send me the plates please remember to send me at this office three sets of proofs of the same & quality

Oblige yours Truly
Thomas Jackson
General Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska
Education
George Nowell

March 1st For rent of log house as School building at Juneau Alaska at $20 per month.

For December 1885	$20 00
" January 1886	$20 00
" February "	$20 00
	$60 00

Sixty 00/100

Washington D.C.
March 29 6

Dear Bro Davis

Much obliged for yours enclosing letter from Mr Kelly

We have not yet abandoned the hope of having you appointed to Alask. this Spring.

Commissioner Eaton is expected in the Office on Wednesday - and if he is there another effort will be made to arrange it with Lee Lamar -

If you should have occassion to leave Clarion, Keep me posted as to the points at which you can be reached by a telegram in case we should need you in Washington

The proposition now is for me to obtain the position of Genl Agt with desk in the Bureau - & have you appointed Supt of Public Instruction in Alaska with

Office at Sitka If this can be
arranged, I still expect to go to Berings
Sea this summer by way of San Francisco
(This is confidential). While you will
go to S.E. Alaska and perhaps accom-
pany the Governor if he goes to the Westward.

Did you receive the pamphlet I
sent you concerning the troubles in
Sitka last summer?

Kind regards to your wife & Children
Also Rev & Mrs Elder —

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
March 29th 6

L. D. Norris Esq
Grand Rapids, Mich

Dear Sir

I have been directed to you for information concerning Mr A.P. Swineford of Marquette, now Governor of Alaska

Is he a regular attendant at Church? Does he drink & gamble & to what extent? Is he regarded Honest & Square in business transactions? Would you consider him the man to make a good and efficient Governor?

Also what is the character of Mr Preston of ~~St Ignace~~ ? Macinac?

And early reply will greatly oblige

Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

Also what do you know of Mr Preston of Marquette

Washington D.C.
March 29 6

James Mylie Esq
Petoskey Mich

Dear Sir

I have been directed by you for information concerning Mr A. P. Swineford of Marquette, Now Governor of Alaska.

Can you give me any information of his personal habits? Does he use intoxicating liquors or gamble & to what extent? Is he a regular attendant at Church? Do you consider him square & honest in business transactions? Will he probably make a good and efficient Governor?

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent
Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.

Also What do you know of Mr Preston, of Macinac?

Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

March 29 6

W.A. Burt Esq

St Ignace Mich

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I have been directed to you for information Concerning Mr A. P. Swineford of Marquette, Now Governor of Alaska.

Can you give me any information of his personal habits? Is he a regular attendant at Church? Does he drink & gamble & to what extent? Do you consider him honest & square in business transactions? Would you consider him the man to make a good & efficient Governor?

An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

Special Agent.

Washington D.C.
March 30 6

Dr H. H. White
Greene Corner Maine

Dear Sir

Yours of March 26th is received making request for the position of teacher at Juneau Alaska -

Please write me where & how long you studied — What experience & where you have had in teaching — Also send me such diplomas, certificates & testimonials as you may have in your possession

Please attend to this immediately, that I may have it arranged before the Com- Mr. [illegible] of Education makes a trip to Ohio.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Your papers will be returned to you after they have been seen by the Commissioner.

Washington D.C.
March 30 6

Prof S. A. Saxman

Yours of the 27th is before me. It has been concluded to send Mrs Millard's brother to Juneau -

And we will send you to Loring. Alaska This is a new place of importance that is springing up South of Ft Wrangell

The Commissioner of Education will not be able to place you in commission until Congress passes the appropriation bill, so that he knows how much money he has for salaries This will probably delay your appointment until June & possibly until July.

In my mind however there is no doubt of your being appointed when the time comes.

Kind regards to Mrs Saxman

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Statistics

School at Juneau. Miss Marion B. Murphy Teacher

	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half Breeds
June 1885	75	47	40	35		3	10	56	5
July	46	25	23	23		3	8	31	4
August	30	17	18	12		3	8	15	4
September	34	19	18	16		1	7	22	4
October	37	21	22	15		2	8	23	4
November	90	45	51	39		4	8	74	4
December	76	50	41	35		6	8	58	4
January &c	69	36	41	28		5	7	54	3

School No 1. Sitka. Miss Margaret Powell. Teacher

	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half Breeds
June 1885	17	16	11	6		6	11		
July	31	19	21	10		7	24		
August	22	14	15	7		7	15		
September	22	16	16	6		9	13		
October	26	21	16	10		10	15		1
November	34	27	23	11		11	20		3
December	31	27	19	12		9	18		4
January &c.	43	29	24	19		10	28		5

School at Fort Wrangell. Miss Lyda McAvoy. Teacher

1885	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half breeds
September	41	18	28	9	4	4	1	27	9
October	53	27	27	18	8	1	5	39	8
November	70	40	34	27	9	1	3	55	11
December	69	47	33	30	6	1	2	57	9
January	65	44	33	26	6	1	1	48	15

School at Jackson. Miss Clara Gould. Teacher.

1885	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half Breeds
September	39	22	20	30	9	2		37	
October	78	33	36	30	12	2		76	
November									
December	87	55	37	33	17	2		85	
January	97	48	30	30	17	2		95	

School at Haines. Miss Sarah M. Dickinson. Teacher

1885	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half Breeds.
September	40	13	10	8	22			40	
October	77	26	22	19	36			77	
November	68	53	29	25	14			68	
December	81	74	35	27	19			81	
January 86	84	73	36	26	22			84	

School at Unalaska. Salomon Ripinsky Teacher

1885	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half Breeds
October	45	25	20	25			45		
November	44	24	20	24			44		
December	44	24	20	24			44		
January	44	24	20	24			44		

School at Sitka No 2. Miss Kate A. Rankin Teacher

1885-6	Monthly Attendance					Nationality			
	Total Attendance	Average Attendance	Boys	Girls	Adults	Americans	Creoles	Natives	Half Breeds
December	77	41	37	36	4			77.	
January	77	37	40	34	3			77.	

School at Koonak. Mrs John W. Mc-Harland Teacher
This School opened on the 1st day of September 1885 with 34 pupils. No mail has since been received

School at Bethel. Wm H. Weinland Teacher
This School has a mail but once a year And has not yet been heard from.

Summary of Monthly attendance at the Public Schools in Alaska. 1885-6

	June	July	August	Septem	October	Novemb	December	January
Juneau	75	46	30	34	37	90	76	67
Sitka No 1	17	31	22	22	26	34	31	43
Fort Wrangell				41	53	70	69	65
Jackson				59	78		87	
Haines				40	77	68	81	84
Unalashka					45	44	44	[illegible]
Sitka No 2							77	77
Hoonah				34				
Bethel								

Washington D.C.
March 2nd 1870

Gen John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

One year ago the honorable the Secretary of the Interior devolved upon the work of creating a school system for Alaska and setting it in operation.

It was a work of great magnitude, in a new & untried field, and with unknown difficulties

It was a work so unlike any other that the experience of the past in other departments could not be the sole guide.

It was a problem peculiar to itself, and must be worked out by and for itself

The school field covered an area almost equal to one fifth of the United States

The schools to be established varied from one to two miles from headquarters

And from two to two hundred from each other, and that in an inaccessible Country, only one small Corner of which has any public means of intercommunication

It was to establish Schools taught in English among a people the larger portion of whom do not speak or understand the English language.

It was to instruct a people the greater portion of whom are uncivilized & and who, therefore need side by side with the usual School drill, instruction in sanitation house Keeping, Carpentering & other industries.

It was the instruction of a people, who, while in the main are only partially civilized, yet have a future before them as American citizens

It was the establishment of Schools in a region, where not only the School houses, but also the teacher's residence must be erected; and a portion of

the materials transported from 1500 to 4000 miles.

From the nature and extent of the work, it was apparent at the beginning that it could not be wholly carried on from the office at Washington and you very wisely appointed a General Agent to reside on the field and supervise the work.

It is now equally apparent, from the actual experience of the first year in the work, that an Agent is needed in the Bureau at Washington.

In the formation of your plans you arranged that all payment of Money for Salaries, School supplies and other Expenditures, should be by the disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior upon Vouchers certified to and approved in your Office

That this may be done intelligently and economically requires the presence at your Bureau, of one who is acquainted with the circum-

balances of each field and gives special attention to the accounts.

This has added much new work to the Bureau of Education the past year and will add greatly more in the near future.

From the nature of the case the supply of teachers for some years to come must be drawn largely from the States. As it is a long & expensive trip to the teacher, great care should be exercised in the selection. A mistake in this direction, will cost a large sum of money, and in the more distant and out of the way places a year of time, during which great harm may be done. The selection of suitable teachers then becomes a question of much importance and grave responsibility. This cannot be well done by the Superintendent in Alaska, but requires the attention of an Agent at Washington.

Again in the location of

New Schools recommended by the Superintendent on the field, the Commissioner, who, with his many other responsibilities, has not had the time or opportunity to make himself fully acquainted with the field and the relative importance of the several sections will feel the need of Counsel with one who is thoroughly conversant with the subject and has time as a Specialist to keep up with the Constant Changes.

Again the Superintendent on the field sends to the Commissioner a requisition and recommendation for certain Amounts for the erection of School buildings at certain places or the leasing of buildings for School purposes.

If the Commissioner has one in his office who can furnish him all necessary information as to the character of buildings necessary, and what

Amounts are reasonable for those localities, he will be able to make a wise and intelligent decision, And the money saved will more than pay the salary of the Agent.

Also from the nature of the case nearly all supplies of materials for buildings, School furniture, books &c must be purchased in the States and it is a matter of economy to have ~~an~~ Agent, in close communication with the Commissioner an Agent whose duty it is to keep informed of the Market and wisely direct these purchases.

Then again from want of intercommunication between the eastern and western sections of Alaska, an Agent at Washington has facilities for directing the work in Western Alaska, that are not possessed by the Superintendent on the field.

This centering of information at Washington and greater facility of

Communication with all portions of the field caused a change in the plans of the Indian Bureau similar to that proposed for the Bureau of Education.

Originally the Superintendent of Indian Schools lived in the West among the Schools, but it was found so essential for him to be in Washington that after a trial of two or three years the office was changed from the field to Washington.

This office has had very much the same experience. After 7 or 8 months work in the field, the necessities of the ~~work~~ case called the Agent to Washington to look after matters there.

Thus the same person has tried to perform the work necessary to be done both at headquarters and on the field. But with the growth and expansion of the work this can no longer be done to advantage.

It must be divided. There should be a competent Superintendent on the field and a Competent Agent in the Bureau of Education.

And as we are about entering upon an active summer campaign, I feel that it is an appropriate time to call your attention to these considerations, and, if it meets with your approval, recommend that you secure the authority from the Honorable, the Secretary of the Interior to meet the growing necessities of the Alaska work with the following Change:

1st The appointment of a Superintendent of Schools in Alaska who shall reside at Sitka and receive a Salary of $2500. per Annum.

He shall visit and have the personal supervision of all the Schools and perform the duties usually performed by Superintendents of Public Schools

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in the States.

2nd The transfer of the General Agent of Education in Alaska from Sitka to Washington to perform the following duties under the direction of the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

(1) With reference to Schools counsel the Commissioner Concerning

The location of new Schools
The lease of School buildings
Architects' plans for School buildings
Arrange for the erection of " "
" " " repairs " "
" " " Materials for erection
" " " School furniture &c
" " " Books. Charts, fuel &c
Provide blanks for School reports.
Receive and supervise the Accounts (Teachers &c

(2) With reference to Teachers.

Attend to the Securing of teachers
Examine teacher's Certificates. Applications and testimonials.

Recommend the appointment of teachers.
Receive the resignation " "
Receive and examine Monthly School Reports
Audit the Accounts of teachers
Provide for their prompt payment.
Conduct the Correspondence with
Superintendent and Teachers.

(3) With reference to the Office:
Attend to the Alaska Correspondence
Take Care of the Alaska files
Keep the Commissioner informed
of the Condition of the "Alaska Fund"
Furnish Alaska information.

The Salary of the General Agent is to be placed at $2000 per annum

To the Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

Sir

In the discharge of the duties devolved upon me by law of providing Schools for the Children of Alaska, it becomes absolutely necessary that my General Agent should have transportation upon the U.S. Revenue Marine Vessels, that alone visit all the settlements on the Western Coast of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. I have the honor therefore to recommend that you request the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury to give instructions to the Commanding Officers of Revenue Vessels Cruizing in Alaska waters to furnish transportation to Dr Sheldon Jackson, General Agent of Education in Alaska and give him such

facilities for the transaction of his public
business as may be at the disposal of
such Commanding Officers

I have the Honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Commissioner

Washington D.C.
March 31st 6

Hon John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education
Sir

I have the honor to recommend the following programme of operations for the Schools of Alaska during the Coming Season.

1st The discontinuance of the School at Haines and the transfer of the School property to Juneau-

The development of the Mines at Juneau and the opportunity of Remunerative employment is rapidly drawing the population from Haines to Juneau-

2d That Dr F. F. Mile, a graduate of Harvard University (Classical & Medical Course) and a teacher during the past winter in the City Schools of Knoxville Tenn, be appointed Principal & Teacher

of the public Schools at Juneau Alaska at a Salary of $150 per month for the 10 School months, or $1500 per year. He will take his wife with him.

3rd Transfer Miss Marion B. Murphy now teaching at Juneau to the Settlement Around Treadwell's Mill. three Miles from Juneau - Where a Branch School should be opened. Miss Murphy to have her present Salary of $40 per month.

4th Appoint Prof Wm A. Kelly Principal of the ~~City~~ Schools at Sitka at a Salary of $10 per month for the 10 Months of the School Year. And Continue Miss Margaret Powle in Charge of Sitka School No 1. And Miss Elizabeth Patton in Charge of School No 2. at their present Salaries of $80 per month for the School year.

5th Continue Miss Lyda McAvoy in Charge of her School at Fort Wrangell with the same Salary as the Lady teachers at Sitka - ie - $80 per Month for 10 Months Miss McAvoy has proved one of the most

Efficient teachers in Alaska

6th Continue Miss Clara Gould at Jackson, and advance her salary to an equality with the others from $60 to $80 per month for 10 months.

7th Appoint S. A. Saxman of Corsica Pa in charge of a School to be Established at Loring. Loring is a prominent place springing up South of Fort Wrangell. It has a large Salmon Cannery. In addition the San Francisco Co. has arranged to erect a saw mill, Wood Manufactory and a Summer hotel.

It is expected that three Native Villages will concentrate there.

Prof Saxman is a College & Normal School graduate, and is now Principal of the Corsica Classical & Normal Institute. He will be accompanied by his wife who is also a trained teacher.

Prof Saxman should have a salary of $1500 a year, or $150 per month for 10 months.

8th Continue Prof Geo B. Johnston at Killisnoo with his present salary of $120 per month for 10 months.

Mr Johnston's salary is less than that of the other gentlemen as he is unmarried

9th Establish a Schools at Kadiak Unga, Belkofsky, Atka and St Michaels with salaries of $15.00. at each place.

10th Continue the Schools now provided for at Unalashka, Bethel and on the Nushagak River.

11th If Congress grants an appropriation that will justify the additional expense, I will send you a supplementary report with recommendations for a few additional Schools, and some School buildings that are greatly needed.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

gton D.C.
March 31st 6

Gen John Eaton
U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

I am much disappointed that you can not come earlier than the 15th of April as I would like to have had two weeks with my father in Illinois before leaving for Western Alaska -

I inclose you for approval a programme for Alaska work this Summer.

This is on our present basis in South Eastern Alaska

Last Summer you authorized the Appointment of Prof Kelly at Juneau with Miss Murphy as Assistant. This plan places Dr White there instead of Mr Kelly.

And Mr Layman at Loring takes the place of Haines discontinued.

I inclose you a clipping concerning Loring taken from a San Francisco Magazine "The Wood & Iron" for March 1886.

The work to the Westward will need be confined to Kadiak, Unga & Belkoffsky until we receive a larger appropriation. That is in addition to Unalashka. Bethel & St Michael already contracted for.

The Moravians have concluded to send a man to Ft Alexander on the Nushagak River this season to erect a residence and School house, and then commence School in 1887. Consequently they will make no demand on us this year for that field.

I also inclose you a request for transportation to be signed.

I also enclose you a plan for a readjustment of the work

If you had come on now, I would have urged your trying to see the Secretary concerning it. I have placed in

written form, what we talked about when Prof Davis was here.

I also enclose you a letter concerning illiteracy in Alaska, prepared for me by Dr Warren - Would you consider it expedient to transmit to the Secretary?

The Alaska mail came this a.m. Have not had time to go through it.

As the time is getting short when I ought to leave for San Francisco I begin to feel anxious to get matters snugly arranged for the summer -

If you have any questions on the papers enclosed, please send them to me as soon as convenient -

Kind regards to your family

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Gl Education Agent

Graves Co.

New York

The Government Printer has just informed me that he has returned the proofs to you for titles.

And I hasten to send you the Correct titles. I regret that I did not know it when I was there to have saved all this delay.

The page with the two families on is as follows

Eskimo Family on the Kuskokwim River
Alasaka (Uncivilized)

Eskimo Family on the Kuskokwim River. Alaska.
From Photographs by Mess^rs Hartmann & Weinland (Civilized)

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Group of Eskimo Men & boys. Kushokwim River. Alaska.

Group of Eskimo Girls. Kushokwim River. Alaska
Photographed by Messrs Hartmann & Weinland.

A typical Eskimo Man. Kushokwim River. Alaska
Photographed by Messrs Hartman & Weinland.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
April 2nd 6

Gen A. D. Hazen
3rd Asst P.M. General

Dear Sir

On the 12th of January 1886. I deposited with the Treasury of the United States $140. in return for which they agreed to send by registered mail $140 in Silver Coin to Rev Jr L Gould. Jackson. Alaska

The coin was sent in usual form, two bags containing $70 each.

On the 19th of Feb 1886. the Post-Master at Fort Wrangell sends the P.M. at Jackson the enclosed notice. that Registered Parcel No 3729 got lost in a fire or was stolen.

Will you please have the matter thoroughly investigated.

The post-office was kept in his dwelling a slight one story frame shanty (if I remember right)

There is no doubt that he knew those packages contained coin.

My regular correspondents at Fort Wrangell have never alluded to any fire.

If the coin had burned in the fire, the metal would have remained & the ashes, and could have been recovered -

If the bag was stolen by an outsider why did he not take both?

If the Post Master saved one bag, why could he not have saved both?

Knowing by the form & weight of the registered packages that they probably contained coin, why did he not take special care of them?

Altogether the circumstances are very suspicious & I trust you will go to the bottom of the matter.

Since then he has resigned and turned the office over to Miss Lyda McAvoy.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
April 2nd 6

To the
Treasurer of the United States
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

On or about the 12th of January last I deposited with you $140 with the request that you send $140 of Silver coin by Registered Mail to Rev J. L. Gould. Jackson. Alaska

I presume it was sent in the usual form in two bags each containing 70$.

On the 19th of February 1886 the Post Master at Fort Wrangell writes the P. Master at Jackson Alaska as follows -

"Fort Wrangle. Feb 19th 1886

P. M. at Jackson

Dear Sir. Reg Parcel No 3729 addressed to Jackson got lost in a fire at this office on the 18th of this month 11 p m. It must have been Stolen during the excitement. Respectfully P.M. Fort Wrangle"

Regeristered parcel No 3729 is doubtless one of the Money packages, as it has never been received by Mr Gould –

Please take such steps as are necessary to have the matter looked up –

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Private

Washington D.C.
Aprie 2nd 6

Dear Bro Roberts.

Yours of March 29th is before me. I enclose a letter for the Secretaries and the Board. Also the Official action of the Presbytery.

You will remember that at different times in the past When it was talked over that Dr H.M. Booth of the School Com'tee & the Secretaries thought it would be a good thing if the Agent of the Board could also be Made the Educational Agent of the Government. You thought and truly too, that in such an arrangement the interests of the Board that are great in that Section of the Country would not be interfered with.

Finally after several years work, a Small appropriation was made by Congress for Schools. Then a new difficulty

arose, the Secretary of the Interior, who, had the disposal of the fund, was lukewarm in the matter and declined to take any action. Stating that the fund was too small to pay the salary of an agent or Supt & as he did not see how anything could be done without a Supt, he declined doing anything.

Then another year passed. Then a new Secretary was at the helm, and the Commissioner of Education made another attempt to get the work under way.

The new Secretary recognized the same difficulty and it was only by the Commissioner of Education consenting to an agency, with a nominal salary, which amounts to but little over traveling Expenses, that he could get the work started.

And he ~~did~~ (Commissioner of Education) did this, because he expected to appoint me as agent, & understood you would continue my salary & thus help him to an agent. In return he would take a number of your teachers off your

hands & in that way return you many fold for the help you gave him in ~~sustaining~~ sustaining the agent.

You remember I came over to New York and Consulted with Dr Booth & the Secretaries Concerning the proposition last April (1885) and understood at the time that it met with the hearty Concurrence of all Concerned. So that I feel the faith of the Board was practically pledged to Continue My Salary until April 1st 1886. And it seems to me that under all the Circumstances it would be a proper thing to Continue it until Oct 1st 1886, as next fall will Close the present arrangement and the Government from that time forward be Compelled to assume the Whole Salary and Travelling Expenses.

That you may know of how much Service I have been to the Board during the past Year, in addition to 6 months regular preaching at Sitka, I have

Paid out for the support of the Schools in South Eastern Alaska the following sums As all but one have teachers that are either Presbyterians or in Presbyterian interests You can see what an aid I have been to your work -

School Furniture & supplies	$3.053.73
Salaries of teachers	2.863.25
Kosmak Contract	1.500.00
	$7.416.98

If the politicians had got my position they intended spending the whole amount on a White School at Sitka and another at Juneau. Which would have left the Board to continue the support of the native Schools. A letter to that effect is on the official file of this office.

There is no objection to showing this letter to Messrs Kendall. Booth. Eaton & Bye But after it has served its purpose please burn it.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 6

Rev Drs Kendall & Roberts

Secretaries

Dear Brethren

The other day when I applied to Mr Eaton the Treasurer I was surprised to learn that through some oversight I was not in commission — that my commission ran out Oct 1st 1885, and that although I had been informed that it was renewed until April 1st 1886, ~~that, that~~ it was a mistake.

Will you therefore please have the mistake rectified at your first Meeting, and have me commissioned for at least the six months from Oct 1st 1885 to April 1st 1886. If you can make the commission extend from Oct 1st 85 to Oct 1st 1886. I would greatly prefer it as that will end my connection with the

the Board and Government in my present Connection. What I shall do after that I do not know.

But as long as I shall remain in My present position, you may rest assured that I will render you a double equivalent for my Salary.

I enclose you the Request of the Presbytery for my appointment. And while the action of Presbytery had primary reference for the year Commencing April 1st 85 and ending April 1st 86; yet having been unable to meet since; my appointment is on exactly the same footing, as that of all the other Missionaries in Alaska —

All The time of all has expired, and if any have been Recommissioned lately, it has been on the presumption that Presbytery would have had asked for them, if it could have had a Meeting.

My position has been a very unpleasant one, and yet I stood as a representative of the interests of the Board

in a Community where the great body of the White people are opposed to all Missionary work among the natives. It is the old story that has been repeated in Mission work elsewhere. My suffering & stand as saved the interests of the Board, and surely I have a right to look to the Board to see, that I shall not be out of pocket while doing so. I have fought the battle & taken the reproach, and now hope in the fall to have plans so far working, that I can step aside & allow some one else to carry on the work.

As I hope to leave the last about the first of May, I hope you will arrange matters at the April Meeting, so that Mr Eaton can pay me what is due on salary, & what I shall greatly need to use this Summer.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson.

Washington D.C. April 2. 1886

To the

Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

New York

Dear Brethren

I hereby certify that I have by me a copy of the Minutes of the Presbytery of Alaska;

And do also certify that the Presbytery of Alaska at its last Meeting (Sept 13th 1884) recommended the appointment of Sheldon Jackson as Presbyterial Missionary at a Salary of $1500. per annum

As he was already under appointment until April 1st 1885, the request would embrace from April 1885 to April 1886.

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Stated Clerk.

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 6

Rev Wm C. Roberts D.D.
Contracter for the School at Hunah

Dear Sir

[illegible] letter of Rev J. M. McFarland. Hoonah. You will notice that he does not say whether the School is in opperation or not. Do you know?

If you have any Statistics of Attendance please send them to me.

Had you not better send a Lady teacher with the two that go to Sitka?

However it will be so late by the time she would get there now, that she could do nothing before early fall.

Therefore I would advise you select some one to go out next July (Middle) and take the August boat from Puget Sound. So that she could Commence School the first week in September

Miss Quigley is broken down in health.
In the meantime let me know if any
school is being kept this winter

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 6

Rev John Reid D.D.
Secretary M.E. Church Soc

Dear Brother

I have to-day received letters from Mrs Daggett of Boston & Rev Geo B. Hoyde of Mat Randolph Vt. Mr Hoyde seems to be the Man we have been looking for so long to represent the M.E. Church among the Yankees in Colorado

He writes me that the only difficulty in the way is a pledge to you to go to Mexico, if wanted.

Consequently at my request the Acting Commissioner of Education telegraphed to him afternoon, that you should not get him started for Mexico, until you heard from this Office.

He knows I [illegible] have been trying to get the U.S. Dr to Independence in

Alaska. And the difficulty of finding suitable men who are willing to go.

Now that we have found one, who seems to have both the Ability & willingness to go not only but who has also by the blessing of God secured the favor of two influential Stockholders in the Alaska Commercial Co, that will greatly increase his Efficiency and Success in that Section where the Alaska Com'l Co has great influence, it seems as if it was a Marked indication of Providence that he ~~was~~ is the one to go.

And While he will go as a Government teacher, yet I have no doubt that he will open the way for a successful work for your Church in that Coast.

It is far easier for you to find a Man to take his place in Mexico than in Alaska

Mr Hyde has the Stockholders of the A. C. Co in his Congregation and they will pass him & his wife free on their vessel from San Francisco to Alaska

I am also hoping to send from Grant Memorial University Athens Penn Mr Charles N. Miller also a Member of your Church. I will place them in neighboring fields so that they can encourage one another in the work -

Please let me have your approval of Mr Hyde going to Alaska at an early date, as there is but little time for further preperations.

We are not asking any Money from the Meth E. Ch - only Men & Women - However if their Church will make them any presents to help them defray travelling Expenses (which are not ~~made~~ paid by the Government) or get furniture for house-keeping it will be a pleasant expression of interest. The Baptists are proposing to pay the travelling Expenses of the Man & Wife (who are Members of their Church) that go as teachers to Kadiak Island.

Hoping to hear from you soon
I remain yours truly
Steven Judson
Federal Agent

Washington D.C.
April 2nd 6

Rev G. B. Hyde
West Randolph Vt

Dear Brother

Your letter received to-day And I like the Spirit of your letter. I have written Dr Reid and if he will let you off we want you for Unalashka

I mailed you to-day a Copy of Petroff's Alaska. It has much information although not always reliable -

He is a Russian with a strong bias to the Russo-Greek Church

If you should not go to Alaska after you have read it, please return it to me. If you go to Alaska you can take it with you, if you so desire

In addition to your salary as teacher I presume the Government will pay you a small sum in addition to

Signal Service Observer. At least they will supply you with the instruments free of cost. After you once get there you can easily live on ~~the~~ $1000. & thus lay up $500 of your salary. The first year of course you can not do that as you would have the Extra expense of getting to housekeeping.

I have no doubt the Methodist Ladies will pay your travelling Expenses - If your Alaska Commercial Co friends pass you from San Francisco to Unalashka your expenses will be light. When we hear from Dr Reid I will write you further —

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Have just received the following telegram from Dr Reid. "Hyde appointed by Bishop to Mexico. Will be released if he desires. Gone to consult friends. We have excellent men begging to go to Alaska"

I will Commence a vigorus Correspondence with Dr Reid to-Morrow about it. I judge he leaves it very much to yourself.

The good will of the Alaska Commercial Co is certainly a strong point in your favor. Keep me informed of your Movements and any progress in your plans-

S. F.

Washington D.C.
Aprie 3rd 6

Mrs A.E. Gray
Asst Cor Sec W.A.B.H.M.Soc
14 Tremont Temple. Boston

Madam

Your letter of April 1st has just reached me.

By the same Mail I receive a letter from Rev Dr H.L. Morehouse Sec of B.H.M. Soc informing me that he has found a Baptist teacher for Kadiak - a young man & his wife in California.

As the Government only pays the Salary it would be a handsome thing and an appropriate expression of interest in the work for the Ladies' Soc to assume his travelling expenses & help him go to housekeeping.

Please correspond with Dr Morehouse concerning it. You will find Alaska a popular field to work for. And it is certainly a very needy one -

Any time that I can be of assistance
write me. Let me hear, what you con-
clude to do.

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 3rd 6

Rev H.L. Morhouse D.D.
Temple Court. Beekman St New York

Dear Sir

Yours of the 2nd is received -
I am greatly rejoiced that you have secured a suitable teacher for Kadiak.

There is no need of your signing the Contract unless you prefer to. By doing so, it gives you a stronger hold on the place (Kadiak), and insures you from any unfavorable effects that might possibly come in a Change of the Commissioner of Education.

However if your Society prefer not to make a contract, we will accept your Nomination and appoint your man just the same upon receipt of his first grade teacher's Certificate.

Now as to salary. If the Govt makes a Contract with you. You pay him as you Choose in advance, & Whenever you can. If the Government Appoints him direct, then his salary will be paid every three months, or as often as the mail can reach him, but only after the reception of Monthly reports.

The rules of the U.S. Treasury Department are very strict not to make any advances. That is one reason why we prefer making Contracts with religious Societies, as they can make advances to teachers.

However we can make this Arrangement. If some wealthy Baptist will advance him $750 (one half years' salary) the Government upon an order from the teacher to that effect, will pay the person advancing the money $375 on Oct 1st 86 and $375 on Dec 31st 1886.

The Alaska Commercial Co. has agreed to furnish the teachers supplies from their stores at the same rates that they give to their own employees, which is a small

percentage over San Francisco Wholesale prices. And an arrangement can doubtless be made by which the teacher can draw supplies from the Store at Kadiak and payment be made by the Government on the teacher's order from his salary, to the Trading Co at their Office in San Francisco.

I have telegraphed to San Francisco to learn, if a Steamer will leave San Francisco later than May 10th & if so, When? It is possible that he need not start as early as May.

I had a letter this morning from Mrs A. E. Gray. 14 Fremont Temple. Boston inquiring if the Baptists would have a man at Kadiak. I think likely you can get the Boston Ladies furnish you the money for travelling expenses, in return for some letters from the teacher's wife.

I referred Mrs Gray to you - Please place me in Communication with you as

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at an early day —

Yours Truly
Theodore Jackson —
General Agent

Washington D.C. Aprie 3rd 6

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St Boston Mass

Madam

Yours of March 31st is received And I dejoiced that you have found a man, that in many respects seems so suitable for Alaska. (only his letter has a number of words Misspelled)

I at once telegraphed Dr Reid and received the following telegram

"Hyde appointed by Bishop to Mexico. Will be released if he desires. Gone to Consult friends. We have excellent men begging to go to Alaska. S. H. Reid"

I understand by this that they will release Mr Hyde from the Mexican Mission if it is thought best for him to go to Alaska

I will write Dr Reid this Morning and find out about some of his Excellent men

In reply to your question about payments. The Government makes no advances, but pays at the end of each three Months.

As Unalashka will have no mail after early fall until the following Spring, he will practically receive no Salary until the Spring of 1887.

This can be remedied in two ways. 1st Some wealthy friend can loan him $750 (one half years Salary), then upon an order of Mr Hyde to that effect, the Government will pay the person advancing the Money, $375 upon the 1st of Oct 1886, and $375 upon 1st of Jan 1887.

2nd The Alaska Commercial Co has agreed to furnish teachers supplies from their Stores at the same rates they give to their own employees. This will greatly Cheapen the Cost of living And an arrangement can doubtless be effected by which the teacher can draw supplies from the Store at Unalashka and payment be made on the Teacher's order, by the Government

to the Trading Co at their Office in San Francisco. These payments of course would be made out of Salary due.

If When they get there Mrs Hyde can arrange under your auspicies to establish an Industrial School for girls I feel sure that the Government will assist in its support.

I have telegraphed to San Francisco to learn if a Steamer will leave there later than May 10th; and if so, when?

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
April 3rd 6

Hon A.G. Haygood
Genl Agt of Slater Fund
Oxford Ga

Dear Dr

Yours of March 29th making inquiries concerning the Schools in Mex. is before me.

They are Government day Schools taught in the English language, among a people who do not understand English.

It is the purpose of the Government through these Schools to train the rising generation into English speaking American citizens.

They are of course on a non-sectarian basis. It is the purpose of the Government however as far as possible to have religious teachers, believing that under the peculiar conditions of that country, none others will do good work.

Deciding that it was best to send religious teachers. We are trying to select them from all the leading religious denominations for two reasons 1st It will widen the circle of sympathy & quicken the interest of the general public in Alaska Education And 2nd it will stifle the cry of Sectarian-ism

In following out this plan. Presbyterian teachers are in S.E. Alaska where they have had mission Schools for nine years past. A Baptist teacher goes to Kadiak Island. An Episcopal to St Michael in Bering Sea. A Moravian went last Summer to the Kuskokwim River. A Meth E Ch (north) to Unalaska. And we would like two M.E. Ch (South) for Ounga & Belkofsky As it is uncertain what our next appropriation will be, we will only ask for one this Spring, but would like to have you place us in correspondence with a Send, ~~who may~~ whom we may

be able to send out in the fall -; and if not then, certainly next Spring.

The teachers with good teaching ability & a warm Christian heart -, need to possess a knowledge of human nature, sound sense, tact in dealing with men (for they will meet the jealousy of the Russo-Greek Church, which predominates in that region) good health & a cheerful disposition (the long stormy nights of winter are depressing).

They have no mail from September to April and at irregular intervals in the summer. They will have some discomforts and inconveniences, but then the Country is beautiful in the long days of summer and not as cold in Winter as the country North of the Ohio River & South of the Lakes.

But those who go, should have a Missionary Spirit & not go for Comfort - Climate or Salary, but from love to

to souls & humanity. So such there is an open field of great promise. And if the sacrifice is great, the future reward will be greater. They can plead the promise to those that leave parents, friends &c — "a hundred fold" more.

The Government wishes <u>married</u> men. The teacher needs a comfortable home. A well ordered American home is in itself an object lesson for the Elevation of those people. The teacher needs a good wife to keep his courage up in the work. When the temptations to licentiousness are so great in that Region, that it is not right to subject an unmarried man to the temptation.

A man & his wife with economical habits can live up there on ~~one~~ $1000. The Government pays a salary of $15-00. The extra $5-00 the first year will cover travelling expenses & after that they can lay by $500 a year for a rainy day.

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The Presbyterians & Moravians have paid the travelling expenses of those who have gone out from their Churches, and the Baptist & Episcopalians (and perhaps M.E. North [not yet certain]) will also do so this Spring. Perhaps some of your wealthier Southern Churches or individuals will do the same thing. It would be a pleasant expression of sympathy with those that go out from you.

The Government pays at the end of each three Months promptly.

But as the mails are so irregular the teacher may not receive his pay before Next Spring (1887)

To get over this difficulty the Alaska Commercial Co. who have stores in all the leading places of that region have kindly agreed to allow the teachers supplies from their stores at the same rates allowed their own employees. which I believe is a slight reduction on Wholesale

rates at San Francisco. I think that they will also arrange with the teacher to furnish him groceries &c at his place then receive their pay at their head office at San Francisco direct from the Government on the teacher's order on his salary to that effect. The $1500 from the Government is expected to cover everything to the teacher. — his support, travelling expenses, house rent &c.

In addition the Government supplies a school room, and stocks it with desks blackboards, books, pencils, Stationary, Crayons, ink, fuel, lights, Janitor &c.

There is no decided objection to the teacher bring a Minister, only there would perhaps be less jealousy, if he was a Christian layman, who could run a Sabbath School, and even preach when there was a good opportunity. That is true of Bel Koffsky

However for Lunga, I am not sure but that a Minister will be better

than a layman, as there are White men there. They have sent word that they would raise a ~~150~~ $1000 among themselves for a School for their half-Bred Children.

We will ask them to build the School house - If I have not given you a clear idea of our plans, please write me again -

I send you some pamphlets & a Map -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

(Copy)

Norris & Uhl,
Attorneys & Counselors,
79881 Lyon St.

Grand Rapids, Mich,
April 2, 1886.

(Dictated by L.D. Norris.)

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 29th ultimo, asking information concerning Mr. A.P. Swineford, and Mr. William A. Preston of Mackinac.

I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Swineford, and only know of him as a public man of some prominence in the upper peninsula.

Mr. William A. Preston of Mackinac I know well, but before answering your query, I desire to know who directed you to me for information, and what your object is in obtaining it.

Yours truly,
(Signed) L.D. Norris.

(Copy)

Petoskey City Bank.
Banking House of
Curtis, Nachtel & Co.

Petoskey, Mich. March 31, /c

Sheldon Jackson Esq.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of March 29th received. In reply would say that I have no personal knowledge on the subject of your enquiries. Would refer you to Rev. E. E. Davis, now of this place formerly of Saginaw Mich., for information as to Mr Swinford.

Have heard that he was a man of gross and vicious habits.

As to Mr Reston will state what you probably already know that he is engaged in saloon business, is a drinking man, and five years ago failed in business, and his honesty and integrity is questioned in his dealings.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed.) Jas. K. Wylie

Washington D.C.
April 5th 6

Rev Herbert E. Davis
Petoskey Mich

Dear Brother

Mr James Wylie refers me to you for information Concerning Mr A P. Swineford formerly Editor at Marquette Now appointed Governor to Alaska!

Will you be so kind as to send me his reputation at home. Was he Considered a good Moral Citizen? Does he drink, Gamble, or immoral? Do you Consider him the timber out of which to make a good, efficient and honest Governor in a Territory so far away that Officers Can not be Watched. A prompt & full reply will greatly oblige your

Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 5th 6

Rev James B. Bonar
Marquette
Mich

Dear Brother.

Please send me your estimate of Mr A. P. Swineford formerly of your place And now Governor of Alaska. Has the reputation of being an honest, upright Moral Citizen, or does he drink & gamble? Is he credited with being immoral?

We are interested to know what kind of a Governor we have, & what his past record is: And early reply will greatly oblige your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

April 5th 6

To the Officers of the Presbyterian Church
St Ignace Mich.

Dear Sirs

As your church is represented on the Minutes of the ~~Presb~~ Assembly as without a Minister, I beg to be allowed to write you for information

Please send me your estimate of the reputation of Mr A.P. Swineford, formerly of Marquette, now Governor of Alaska

Has he the reputation in your section of the country of being an honest, upright, Moral Citizen? Or does he drink & gamble? Is he immoral? We are interested to know what kind of a Governor we have.

An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

Rev Harlan P. Coey Florence Wis
Rev A. Maley Box Menominee Mich
Rev Isaac Baird Care Isle Hales Mich
Rev Henry M. Perkins Iron River Mich
Rev. Alexander Gracken Sault de Sainte Marie
" John L. Mills, Hastings,
" Peter Pitzen, New Franklin
" John H. Kerr, Keene, Wis.

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Rev Andrus H. Ashley
York. Neb

Dear Brother

Do you know anything of the reputation of Mr A. P. Swineford, formerly an Editor at Marquette Mich & now Governor of Alaska
Is he credited with drinking, gambling or immorality? Do you think he will make an efficient, upright & honest Governor in a Territory so far away that Public Officers can not be watched We are interested to know What Kind of a Governor we have.

An early reply will greatly oblige
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
Bureau of Education
Washington
D.C.

Washington D.C.
April 5th 6

Hon A.L. Hayward D.D.
Genl Agt of Slater Fund. Oxford Ga

Dear Dr

I wrote you a long letter Saturday Night. This Morning received yours of April 1st Nominating Henry C. Carney and Mr. Reed for teachers for Alaska.

At My Request Mr Gardiner our Chief Clerk telegraphed you that I would take Carney & Probably Reid, See letter.

I Now write to answer yours more at length.

1st as to the questions in your letter of April 1st

As to Shumagin Islands you will find all I can tell you on page 18th of Petroff's Census Report.

There are 15 or 16 U.S. White men there in Unga Village.

They have large families & daily need Children and are very anxious for a School. There is no physician at either Unga or Belkofsky – none nearer than Unalaska. Whichever of the two (Carney or Reid) is the best Charter or preacher should go to Unga; as there will be an opportunity there to hold services. At Belkoffsky probably the most that can be done but I think will be to hold a Sabbath School.

The diseases mention by Mr Petroff refer to the Natives.

Our teachers in Eastern Alaska through the use of flannel underclothing have been very healthy. Eight of our ten Existing Schools in Alaska are outside of Medical assistance.

So far we have met no special trouble the opportunity for procuring supplies are good. as I wrote you on Saturday

The Alaska Commercial Co have Stores at both places, & they will furnish

Supplies at a reasonable rate.

The School year is 40 weeks of 5 days each.

There is no Steamer from San Francisco from May 10th to Sept 10th As Sept 10th is late to get settled at housekeeping before the ~~Winter~~ Winter sets in, It seems better that they should hurry & get ready for the Steamer June 10th. They will then get up there early in June, and have June July & August to fix up things, get acquainted with the people &c.

They should take good substantial woolen clothing & woolen underclothing also water proof Coats, Ladies Rubber boots & gossamers. The Men will find Rubber hip-boots very useful - a good gun for hunting ducks, geese & other Wild fowl - But especially the woolen underclothing.

They should also take in a small assortment of the most common medicines and be good [illegible] Medical book for

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"family use - Anything like the "Family Physician" Perhaps at San Francisco, they can find a Russian & English Dictionary that might possibly be of some use - Possibly an Aleute Dictionary can be found, which will be of still more use - I will make inquiries.

Belkofsky & Unga are from 75 to 80 miles apart - sufficiently near that the teachers can spend their vacations together.

What I regret - I thought that perhaps I could send but one this Spring However if they can get ready & be in San Francisco ~~early~~ for the Steamer about May 10th I will place them both in Carmission. The Steamer may get off the 9th & may not before the 11th or 12th! As it is a private Vessel, they suit their own convenience.

If they decide to go, please telegraph me at the expense of the Office. Also if there are any further questions, I will do the best I can at answering them.

They will find San Francisco a good Market in which to outfit.

By a little effort through our Southern friends, & some Southern Congressmen, they could probably secure free passes for them all to San Francisco. That would help them very much.

Very truly Yours

Theodore Dexter

Special Agent.

April 6th 6.

Wm B. Strong Esq
Pres't of A. T. & St F. R.R.

Dear Sir

In May of 1877 the President & Officers or Directors of your Railway being at Pueblo Colorado, invited me to accompany them from Pueblo to Topeka in the Director's Car in order that they might "pump me" concerning the lay of the land and the character of the Country west of Albuquerque via Fort Wingate through Northern New Mexico and Arizona; a country that I had frequently traversed as Sup't of Presbyterian Missions

In addition to personal information, I was also able on that occassion to furnish them with Maps & reports of Government Surveys that they had failed to get hold of

Afterwards the Atlantic & Pac. R.R. was built along the route & practically on

to them as the Natural one. For a couple years after the road was Completed to Ft Wingate, I believe I had an annual pass issued from Albuquerque, but never had occasion to use it more than once, when I went in a Caboose to Laguna -

I Am now in Charge of Education in Alaska, & have usually gone over the Northern or Union Pacific Railways, (which pass me)

This Spring I feel as if I would like to pass over the ground by rail, where I formerly worked -

If you can issue me a trip pass from Kansas City to Mohave California & return good until used during 1880 - I will Consider it a great favor -

You perhaps will remember me as an acquaintance at Council Bluff, where you were building the Great Bridge -

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Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent.

Telegram

Washington D.C. April 6. 86

C. Octavius Parker

Eugene Oregon

Only steamer to Saint Michaels Alaska this season leaves San Francisco about May 10th

Wm N. Gardiner

Acting Commissioner of Education

Telegram

Washington D.C. April 6. 1886

Dr A. G. Haygood

Oxford Ga

Dr Jackson concludes he can send both Carney And Reid to Alaska. Get them ready

Wm N. Gardiner

Acting Commissioner.

Washington D.C.
April 6th 6

Rev Octavius Parker
Eugene Oregon

Dear Brother

Dr Langford Gen Secretary of P.E. Miss' Soc. writes me that they have appointed you as Missionary and School-Teacher at St Michaels Alaska.

The only Steamer by which you can reach your field during 1886 leaves San Francisco on or about May 10th - Perhaps a day or two earlier or later.

It is the Steamer of the Alaska Commercial Co. Please telegraph me at the expense of this Office, if you are going and how many in the family & the ages of the Children that I may secure accomodations for you on the Steamer in Advance.

I scarcely need advise you to take plenty of woolen underclothing, also rubber boots

And Wrappings. Also a Small Stock of Medicines and a "Family Physcian Book" San Francisco is a good Market to Complete your outfit All Necessary School Supplies such as books, Stationary, Charts &c will be furnished you ~~by the Government~~ at San Francisco by the Government and go up with you on the Steamer. Please Keep me informed where you will be (if you can Eugene) on Certain Days, so that if Anything important transpires I can telegraph you -

I hope you & your wife have prayerfully Counted the Cost. And weighed well the Seclusion, privations and difficulties before you - If you have already done it, And are led to go forward in God's Strength he will Keep & Sustain you It is a great privilege to be able to Carry Gospel Lights to Regions So forbidding to the flesh, that but few are willing to go. The traders are there however for Earthly wages and Why Should not the Christian go for Heavenly wages - for Souls.

Also please let me know about how much freight you will have I lot in the lot in Cubic feet. Telegraph me at Bureau of Education Washington D.C. and Write me at at 345 North Kellogg St Galesburg Illinois.

If there are any questions I can answer please send them to me.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 6th 6

Dear Dr Leary

Rev C. Parker. Episcopal Rector at Eugene has been appointed teacher at St Michael, Alaska -

Please send me your estimate of the man & his wife - Is he consistent efficient Minister? Do you judge him to have teaching ability?

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 6 6

Mr Geo A Jenks
Asst Secretary of the Interior

Dear Sir

Please look over this indenture of Apprenticeship and see if it will hold in a Court in Alaska - If not, can you have it put in such shape that it will hold. The object is to have such hold upon the Native Children, that when they are enticed away from School that the Authorities can find them back

If they are to have an industrial training they must be held long enough to do them some good -

Also please give Consideration to the wisdom & Expediency of the other proposition for the greater Efficiency of the School work together with any suggestions that

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you think will add to its efficiency.
When we obtain your judgement on it,
it will probably be thrown into shape to
present to the Secretary.

Truly Yours
Andrew Jackson

Washington D.C.
April 6th 6

Mr Charles W. Miller
Athens Penn

Dear Sir

Yours is received. I have heard from San Francisco and there will be no Steamer after May 10th until about Sept 10th Leaving San Francisco on Sept 10th it will be October before reaching your field & the days will be shortening and the winter Storms Commencing, which will make it very inconvenient to get fixed for the winter. If you are willing to go it will be necessary for you to hurry up Matters and be in San Francisco for the 10th of May. Please notify me that I can engage accommodations for you on the Steamer. You can complete your outfitting at San Francisco if necessary

As our plans Mature and develope it seems more & more probable that we will ask you to go to Nazan on the Island of Atkha. (See Petroff's Census Report on Alaska page 21 & Petroff's Report in vol 8 of the U.S. Census for 1880) Nazan village has a population of 230; of whom two are white men. It is one of the most promising places on the Aleutian Islands. There is a store, but no physician. And I fear that the first season you will have a very humble & somewhat inconvenient quarters Still white men put up with those inconveniences as traders for gain & Why should not the Christian for Souls - Still I want that you & yours should soberly & prayerfully count the cost & determine whether you are willing to make the sacrifice. If the Lord leads you, he will carry you safely through. Whenever we can awaken a sufficient public sentiment we shall ask Congress to give an appropriation sufficiently large to erect

both Comfortable School Houses & teachers Residences. In the Meantime we will do the best we can -

As far as possible provide yourselves with plenty of good flannel underclothing You will need it both winter & summer. Also good strong Comfortable garments (there is no style up there) You will both need rubber boots, & rubber Coats or gossamer Cloth-

It is is probable that Prof Henry C Carney & wife of Oxford Ga & Rev W. J. Reed & wife of the same place & all of the M. E. Ch (South) will go up by the same Steamer As they are in your general region, you had better write them & arrange to all Cross the Continent-to-gether to San Francisco.

Let me hear definitely Whether I shall engage accomodations for yourself & wife on the Steamer

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 7th 6

Mr Edward H Miller
Attorney Genl

Dear Sir

Yesterday I wrote you that you might be asked to go to Marysville and Unalaska. Before writing you, we had partly promised Unalaska to a teacher in New England - This morning I receive word from him declining to go. This leaves Unalaska open to you, if you desire it.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

Washington D.C.

Sept 7th 6

Wm Gray & Brothers N.B.

Secretary New York

Dear Brother

Your letter of yesterday has just come to hand.

I write this Mrs Brown Boston & also Mrs Sims & Capt Bishop Mobile.

The rule adopted for Sims to take it would Kendall this Season have been Sunday. or May 10th.

I do the Same to Capt Short & Shinck I write telegraph Sims.

I do the same Concord Mr Lawrence Philadelphia & Schedule date, for if Brown takes it I may Countermand them. If you have Such Steps forward Mrs to do.

I expect to go up with them on the Steamboat not Sure to leave it until Sunday

Mrs Sims ... Sections

Washington D.C.
April 7th 6

Rev Henry L Morehouse D.D.
Secretary New York

Dear Brother

Your letter of yesterday has just come to hand.

I will write Mr Roscoe to-day; also Mail him a copy of Petroff's Alaska.

The only Steamer for him to take to reach Kadiak this season leaves San Francisco. on May 10th.

As the time is very short I think I will telegraph him.

As we have received no teacher's Certificates or credentials, we of course take him on your recommendation. If you have any please forward them to me.

I expect to go up with them on the Steamer but do not care to have it made public —

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson

April 7th 86

W. E. Roscoe
Upper Mattole, Humboldt Co. California

You are appointed teacher to Kadiak Alaska
Your steamer sails from San Francisco
May tenth Further particulars by mail

Signed Wm H Gardiner
Acting Commissioner
of Education.

Washington D.C.
April 8th 6

Mr Cader Taylor
Chief Clk Govt Printing Off

Dear Sir

As Sen Ex Doc 85. 49. I will all be in type to-day, please have the foreman put together 50 copies of the 1000 Copies ordered by me.

I want them as soon as I can obtain them for use with the Appropriation Com^tee of Congress -

If the Photos have not been received yet from New York, he need not wait for them for these copies -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

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